When preparing for college in Richmond, IN as an international student, you’ll want to consider the weather (four seasons), lifestyle and any specific personal needs you might have. Here’s a packing list to get you started, and keep in mind that you’ll also be able to buy a number of these items once you’re here if they don’t fit in your luggage:

**ESSENTIAL DOCUMENTS**
Carry these with you at all times in your carry-on luggage. Do not pack in your checked luggage.
- Passport and visa I-20 or DS-2019 (for F or J visa holders)
- SEVIS I-901 Payment Confirmation
- Driver’s license or international driving permit
- College acceptance letter and related documents
- Medical records and prescriptions (if applicable)
- Emergency contacts and important addresses

**MEDICATIONS AND FIRST AID**
- Prescription medications (with proper documentation)
- Basic first aid kit (band-aids, antiseptic cream, etc.)

**PERSONAL ITEMS**
- Your favorite snacks from home
- Photos of family and friends
- Small mementos from home for comfort

**ELECTRONICS**
- Laptop and charger
- Power adapters and converters (if needed)
- Smartphone and charger
- Headphones
- Portable power bank

**BEDDING AND LINENS**
(when planning on purchasing more)
- Twin XL-sized bedding
- Pillows
- Blankets
- Towels (bath and hand towels)

**TOILETRIES**
(when planning on purchasing more)
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Body soap
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Hairbrush/comb
- Deodorant
- Shaving kit (if applicable)
- Personal hygiene items

**CLOTHING**
- Casual clothes for daily wear (jeans, t-shirts, shorts, etc.)
- Warm clothing for fall and winter (coats, sweaters, thermal underwear)
- Raincoat or umbrella
- Comfortable walking shoes and boots
- Formal attire (for presentations, interviews, etc.)
- Pajamas and slippers
- Swimwear (for the Earlham pool or if you plan to travel)

**MISCELLANEOUS**
- Travel lock
- Travel-sized sewing kit
- Adhesive hooks (to hang items in your dorm)
- Backpack for day trips

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**
(when planning on purchasing more)
- Notebooks
- Pens and pencils
- Backpack or bag to carry your books
- Calculators and other specialized tools (if required)

Remember that you can purchase many items after arriving in Indiana to reduce the initial load. If your roommate is from somewhere in the U.S., they may have more room to pack certain items. Check with them about larger and shared items (such as mini refrigerators) to avoid duplication and ensure you both have what you need. Additionally, if there are specific items related to your hobbies or cultural preferences that you can’t find easily in the US, consider bringing those along as well.

Safe travels and we can’t wait to see you!