**DORM ROOM CHECKLIST**

**Getting organized**

Does your college provide any storage options for their dorm rooms? Many dorm rooms have at least a chest of drawers. If that’s the case, buy some drawer liners and give the inside of the drawers a quick wipe before you put the liners in.

**You might also consider bringing.**

Closet organizers

Hangers

Over-the-door organizer

Shoe organizer

Hooks and hangers

Plastic bin(s) for under-bed storage

Storage Containers

Drawer organizer

Drawer and shelf liners

Jewelry organizer

**Entertainment/work area**

TV

Dry erase board for your door

Board games

Playing cards

Area rug

Desk lamp

**Bedroom area**

Full-length mirror

Box fan

Comforter or duvet with cover

Pillow(s)

Pillowcases (at least two per pillow)

Sheets (two sets)

Extra blanket

**Walls**

Prints and/or posters.

Removable adhesive strips and hooks

**Lighting**

String lights

Floor lamp

**Miscellaneous**

Luggage

Weekender bag

Sleeping bag

First aid kit

Tissues

Umbrella

Earplugs

Toolkit

Lightbulbs

Sports equipment

Bike (with lock and the helmet)

Lock for the lockers

Safety whistle

Pepper spray

Your prescription medications

Over-the-counter medications (pain relief, allergy relief, cold meds, etc.)

Band-aids

Vitamins

**Study materials**

No college packing last for girls would be complete without a comprehensive list of school supplies. Some of these depend on your personal study method and what classes you’ll be taking, so look through the list and figure out exactly which items make the most sense for you.

Backpack

Binders

Day planner

Filler lined paper.

Glue

Graph paper

Graphing calculator

Index cards

Laptop lock

Lunchbox

Highlighters

Notebooks

Notecards

Paper clips and binder clips

Pens and pencils

Ruler

Sticky notes

Stapler and staples

Scissors

Tape

Whiteout

**Creature comforts**

Your dorm is like a you can return to when you need to take a break from the hectic college life. To that end, you want it to be as cozy and comfortable as possible. Here’s what will get you there.

Mattress topper (memory foam is always a good choice)

Mattress pad

Throw blanket

Bedside lamp

Salt rock lamp

Comfy robe and slippers

Eye mask

**Clothing**

Okay, so you probably don’t need a packing list to remind you that you need to bring clothes to your dorm but packing for college can be tricky because space will be limited, so it’s important to and if you are moving to college in-state and can commute home, Now, let’s go over the basics so you don’t miss anything.

Undergarments

Socks

Pajamas

Everyday pants (including jeans and leggings)

Everyday tops

Activewear

Business casual wear

Semi-formal wear

Rain boots

Sneakers

Going out clothes

Going out shoes, including a comfortable pair of heels

Going out purse

Sunglasses

Belt

Jewelry

Everyday purse

Ironing board

Sewing Kit

**Depending on where you’re going to school, you may also need**

Jackets for multiple seasons

Hats

Gloves

Scarf

Winter boots

Bathing suit(s)

**Documents and IDs**

Don’t forget to bring these important documents with you to college. And make sure they’re secure. Buy a small fireproof safe, keep it hidden, and don’t tell anyone where you keep it.

Birth certificate

Driver License

Passport

Student ID

Social security card

Banking information

Car registration and insurance information

Debit and credit cards

Checkbook

Medical and dental cards

Financial aid paperwork

List of emergency contacts

**Toiletries and getting ready.**

Just because you’re sharing a bathroom with 40 other people doesn’t mean you don’t still need all your own toiletries. Keep in mind that while you’ll be able to stock up as needed, it’s a good idea to bring large sizes of toiletries with you at the beginning of the year so that they last as long as possible.

**Shower**

Shower caddy

Shower shoes (a.k.a. flip flops)

Shampoo

Conditioner

Body wash

Loofah

Bath towels

Hand towels / washcloths

Shaving cream

Razors

Bathrobe

**Dental**

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

Floss

Mouthwash

**Face**

Face wash

Face scrub

Face masks

Moisturizer

Chapstick

Tweezers

Contacts and contact solution.

Sunscreen (also for the body)

**Body**

Deodorant

Body lotion

Tampons and/or pads

**Nails**

Nail clippers

Nail file

Nail polish

Nail polish remover

**Hair**

Hairbrush

Hairspray

Straightener /flat iron

Curling iron

Hair ties

Hair clips

Hair dryer

**Cosmetics and beauty products**

Cotton pads and/or cotton balls

Cotton swabs

Makeup

Makeup remover

Perfume

**Cleaning up**

A clean dorm room is a happy dorm room. Messes build up fast (especially when you don’t have your parents to clean up after you), so be sure to bring along some basic cleaning supplies that will help you keep on top of dirt and grime. As for the laundry, most college dorms offer free or paid communal washing and dryer machines (stock up on the quarters if it’s the paid scenario).

**College dorm room**

Broom and dustpan

Handheld vacuum

Air freshening spray

Small trashcan and bags

**Laundry/clothes**

Laundry basket or bag

Laundry detergent

Stain remover

Dryer sheets

Fabric softener

Folding drying rack

Mini steamer

Lint roller

Quarters for laundry (if required)

**Dishes**

Disinfecting/cleaning wipes

Small bottle of dish soap

Sponge

**Eating and drinking**

College dining consists mostly of cafeteria food and pizza delivery, but you’ll want to keep food items and essentials in your dorm as well for snacks and quick meals.

Plates and bowls (two or three)

Eating utensils (two or three sets)

Paper towels

Filtered water pitcher (make sure you get one that fits in your mini fridge)

Mug (one or two)

Travel mug

Drinking glasses (one or two)

Travel water bottle

Plastic food storage containers

Reusable sandwich bags

Can opener

Dorm snacks (some good ones: instant noodles, peanut butter, granola bars, dried fruit and fruit snacks, nuts, oatmeal, cereal)

Electric kettle

Coffee

Tea

**Electronics**

Most kids don’t go anywhere without their favorite electronics, let alone off to college. Pick and choose the ones off this list that will make dorm life easier for you, as well as the ones that you can’t live without (and don’t forget your chargers!).

Cell phone (and charger)

Laptop (and charger)

Mouse

USB drive

External hard drive

Noise-canceling headphones

Portable speaker

Extension cords

Surge protectors

Flashlight

Travel charger

Gaming console

Batteries

Router

Ethernet cable

Camera

Kindle reader

Tablet