

What to Bring Checklist

Below is a list of suggested items to bring with you to campus. Be sure to adapt the list to meet your own needs and keep in mind, the room you are moving into will most likely be smaller than the one you live in at home. Also, to save packing or shipping, consider buying some of the items listed after you have arrived on-campus at the New2U tag sale or one of the nearby shopping plazas.

Personal Items

- Student ID (you need this for Move-In, access to your hall, and your meal plan)
- License
- Additional identification if you plan on looking for employment (birth certificate, passport, Social Security Card)

Shared Items – Check with your roommate(s)

- Audio equipment
- TV and DVD player
- Gaming console
- Printer and printer paper* (students receive a set number of free printed pages at print locations throughout campus each semester)
- Coffeemaker with an automatic shut-off and integrated dual safety circuit
- Microwave/refrigerator with integrated circuit (check out [Microchill Rentals](#))
- Microwave up to 700 watts and 0.7 cubic ft.
- Small refrigerator 3.0 cubic ft. or less - with a ground adapter plug
- Area rug
- Posters/art/decorations
- Touch tone phone* (phone jacks are not available in CHCRC rooms)

Room Needs/Storage

- Alarm clock
- Storage bins
- Under-the-bed storage trays
- Stackable crates
- Pillow top ottoman with inside storage
- Shoe rack
- Desk lamp (please use compact fluorescent instead of incandescent)
- Fan
- Drying rack for laundry
- Bulletin board and pushpins
- Dry-erase or paper wall/desk calendar
- Mini toolkit (including screwdriver, hammer, wrench)
- Command hooks/strips for hanging pictures/poster* (CHCRC residents should bring pushpins as command strips are not permitted there)

Linens/Laundry

The Linens Program, run by the UMass Amherst Residence Hall Association (RHA), offers convenient and affordable linens to on-campus students. Proceeds from this program go to the RHA and are used for programming in the residence halls.

Note: if you are ordering before the beginning of the semester be sure to have the order shipped to your home address as we will not be accepting packages.

- Sheets and pillowcases (to fit an XL twin mattress 80" long x 36" wide)
- Towels (bath, hand and face)
- Pillows
- Mattress pad/Memory foam topper (to fit an XL twin mattress 80" long x 36" wide)
- Blankets
- Comforter/Quilt
- Clothes hangers
- Laundry bag/basket
- Laundry detergent, fabric softener and stain remover
- Lint brush
- Mini sewing kit

Office/Desk Supplies

- Flash drives
- Calculator
- Agenda/Planner
- Stapler and staples
- Pens and pencils
- Pencil holder and sharpener
- Notebooks
- Folder with pockets
- 3-ring binders
- Labels of various sizes
- Index cards
- Sticky notes
- Paper clips and binder clips
- Rubber bands
- Tape
- Scissors
- Highlighter pens (multiple colors)
- Ruler
- Stackable desk trays/Desk organizer
- Stamps and envelopes

Electronics

Note: All electric cords, plugs and appliances must be in good condition. All appliances should have an Underwriters' label or seal of approval from another recognized testing laboratory. All appliances with exposed heating coils or those that can become excessively hot are potential fire hazards and are prohibited from your room.

- Laptop (printer is optional; there are usually computer labs where you can print)
- Portable speakers (if you want to play music from laptop/MP3 player)
- HDMI/VGA cord
- Power strip/Surge protector
- Extension cords
- 2 prong adapters
- MP3 player

- Headphones
- Camera
- Cell phone
- All necessary chargers

Toiletries

- Antacid
- Aspirin or other pain relievers (note: prescription medication **must** be in your name)
- Vitamins
- Antidiarrheal medicine
- First Aid Kit (Adhesive bandages, antibiotic ointment, etc.)
- Cough drops
- Shower caddy
- Shower shoes (flip-flops)
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Hairstyling products
- Bath and face soap
- Travel soap container(s)
- Toothpaste and toothbrush
- Dental floss
- Comb/brush
- Tweezers
- Nail clippers
- Hair dryer/straightener/curling iron
- Razor and shaving cream
- Lotion/Facial moisturizer
- Cotton swabs

Clothing

Remember: your space on campus will be smaller than the room you have at home. To conserve space in your room, pack for one season at a time and swap items when you go home during breaks or have visitors from home.

- Underwear
- Socks
- Pants/jeans
- Shirts/blouses
- Sweats
- Pajamas
- Slippers and/or flip-flops
- Sweaters
- Bathrobe
- Light/heavy jackets
- Gloves/scarf/hat (and other foul-weather gear as needed)
- Rain/Snow boots
- Sneakers or comfortable/walking shoes
- 1 set of business-casual clothes
- 1 pair of dress shoes
- 1 swimsuit

Household and Kitchen Items

- Paper towels
- Trash bags
- Lightbulbs (LED)
- All-purpose cleaner
- Broom and dustpan
- Plastic storage bags
- Food-storage containers
- Dish soap
- Wet wipes
- Tissues
- Bowl, plate and cup
- Coffee mug and travel mug
- Reusable water bottle
- Silverware
- Can/bottle opener
- Tupperware

Miscellaneous

- Umbrella
- Backpack
- Sports equipment
- Heating Pad
- Flashlight
- Batteries
- Journal
- Bike and bike lock

Once assigned, view the winners of our Room Setup Contest for some creative ideas on how to arrange your space on the 360 Room Tours web page!