

Packing for College



WHAT TO BRING... AND WHAT TO LEAVE BEHIND



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BEFORE YOU PACK

- ▶ Contact your roommate to avoid duplicate items.
- ▶ It can be tempting to bring everything from your bedroom at home, but keep in mind you're likely sharing space with your roommate.
- ▶ If you are traveling a great distance, consider purchasing some items you arrive in Vicksburg or Natchez. There are various retail options in these areas (Walmart, Family Dollar, Dollar General, etc.)
- ▶ Many school essentials can be purchased at the bookstore if you are moving long distance and need to minimize what you have to bring.
- ▶ Remember you can always pick up items on your next trip home or have family/friends send packages to you on campus.
- ▶ To better plan, visit the Residence Life website for room floor plans. Scan the QR code with your smart phone to review room layout for your dorm.



ROOM DECORATING POLICY

- Students should be aware that the use of tape, nails, staples or glue on walls is prohibited. Push pins, thumb tack and 3M poster/picture hanging strips (**NO GENERIC**) should be used to attach poster/pictures to the walls. When vacating the room, remove the poster/picture and leave the strip on the wall for maintenance to remove to avoid possible damages.
- ▶ **Permanent adhesives** (double-side masking tape, contact paper, etc.) are not to be used. Wall borders of any type are not permitted.
 - ▶ You may bring carpet from home. (**DO NOT tape rug to the floor.** Rug Pads may be used instead to keep rug from moving.)
 - ▶ All items brought into the facilities during the year must be removed from the building at checkout.
 - ▶ All upholstered furniture brought into the student's room must meet commercial fire code.
 - ▶ All residence hall furniture must remain in the room at all times.

WHAT TO BRING

You may not need every item on the list. The included items are simply things you should think about bringing.

ITEMS FOR SLEEPING:

- Extra-long, twin mattress sheets
- Comforter and duvet cover (duvet covers can easily be removed and laundered), blanket or throw
- Mattress pad
- Pillows and pillowcases
- Bed risers (to create more space under the bed)
- Alarm clock

ITEMS FOR CLEANING:

- Trash can and small trash bags
- General cleaning supplies, including dish soap, disinfecting wipes and paper towels
- Laundry supplies, including detergent, fabric softeners, stain removers and lint brush

ITEMS FOR STUDYING:

- School supplies, including backpack, binders, folders, notebooks, pens/pencils, index cards, calculator, etc.
- Personal organizer/calendar
- Computer, printer, print paper, ink cartridge, etc.

MAKING IT YOUR HOME

- Poster, photographs, and other decorations
- Area rug
- Lamp and/or desk lamp and lights bulbs
- Shower curtain and toilet paper (suite-style halls- MEWHV Complex A-D and Honors Hall)
- Bath towels and washcloths (at least two sets)
- Shower caddy
- Shower shoes/flip flops
- Bathrobe
- Clothes hangers
- Clothes hamper/laundry bag
- Full-length mirror

ELECTRONIC ITEMS:

- TV and a coaxial cable
- Refrigerator (Traditional Hall only)
- Microwave (Traditional Hall only)
- Headphones
- Electrical power strips with surge proctor, three-prong outlet adapters

ITEMS FOR EATING:

- Favorite snacks and drinks (crackers, granola bars, popcorn, peanut butter, etc.)
- Favorite for quick and easy meals (breakfast bars, sandwiches, microwavable meals, etc.)
- Coffee Maker (Keurig pod style with an automatic cut off)
- Kitchen supplies, including plates, cups, bowls, utensils, can opener, chip clips, Ziploc bags and storage containers

LOOKING YOUR BEST

- Shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, etc.
- Clothes, shoes, and accessories. (Consider trading your warm weather clothing for your cold weather clothing at fall break and then trade back at spring break. Keep some traditional clothing on hand at all times for sudden changes in weather.)
- Outerwear (jacket, raincoat, boots, umbrella, etc)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

- Flashlight (with batteries)
- Sewing kit
- Small first-aid kit, including bandages, Tylenol, etc.
- Storage bins (for under your bed or in your closet)
- Dry erase board and markers
- Computer lock
- All necessary insurance cards (health and dental)

WHAT TO LEAVE BEHIND

For the safety of all resident, please **DO NOT** brings the items below.

- ✘ Open-coiled cooking appliances (toaster, hot plate)
- ✘ Cooking grills (George Forman)
- ✘ Space heaters
- ✘ Halogen Lamps
- ✘ Candles/incense

- ✘ Decorative alcohol containers
- ✘ Extension cords of any kind
- ✘ Concrete/cinder blocks
- ✘ All pets