



INTERNATIONAL CHECKLIST & PRO TIPS

CHECKLIST

Documents:

- ☐ Passport
- ☐ I-20 student visa
- ☐ Flight itinerary
- ☐ Driver license (if you have one)
- ☐ Health insurance card
- ☐ Copy of medical records
- ☐ Prescriptions
- ☐ Emergency contact list

Finance:

- ☐ Cash in U.S. currency
- ☐ Debit and/or credit card

General Clothes:

- ☐ 10-15 pairs of underwear
- ☐ 7-10 pairs of high and low socks
- ☐ 7-10 long and short sleeve shirts
- ☐ 2-3 jeans and/or pants
- ☐ 2-3 skirts and/or shorts
- ☐ 2-3 sweaters for layering
- ☐ 2-3 workout outfits
- ☐ 2-3 pajama sets
- ☐ 2-3 pairs of shoes
- ☐ 2 belts

Internships and Events:

- ☐ 2 business formal outfits
- ☐ 2 pairs of tights or dress socks
- ☐ 1 pair of dress shoes or flats

Seasonal:

- ☐ Winter (boots, hats, gloves, coat)
- ☐ Fall/Spring (rain boots, rain coat, umbrella)
- ☐ Summer (swimsuit, sunglasses)
- ☐ Every day (athleisure wear)

PRO TIPS

Bag Allowance

Before packing, confirm luggage restrictions with your airline. We recommend two checked bags and a carry-on for students traveling abroad for one year. Take advantage of your travel buddy's bag allowance too. *You'll be needing the extra pair of socks more than they will.*

Carry-On

Save space in your carry-on for a change of clothes and basic toiletries. You can use these in case your luggage gets lost or delayed. Feel free to use your intended backpack for school as a personal item. *Solve two problems with one solution.*

Clothes

The average college student does laundry about once or twice per month. We recommend you pack enough clothes for two weeks. New Jersey experiences all four seasons in one year. Bring comfortable clothes that are easy to layer for various temperatures.

Electronics and Styling Tools

Many countries have different voltages that will short circuit and ruin your tools. Remember to pack converters or wait to purchase these items in the U.S.

In-Store or Online

Unless there's a product that you can't live without, we recommend waiting to purchase full-sized items until you arrive on campus. During New Student Orientation, you will have the opportunity to visit some of our favorite local stores like Walmart, located only 10 minutes away via UberX! You can order your essentials online and pick up in-store when school starts.

For more packing tips and a printable ultimate move-in guide, visit ruoncampus.rutgers.edu.



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PACKING LIST

Bedroom:

- ☐ Twin XL Sheets
- ☐ Twin XL Comforter
- ☐ Pillows
- ☐ Under-Bed Storage
- ☐ Floor/Bedside Lamp
- ☐ Fan

Bathroom:

- ☐ Shower Caddy
- ☐ Shower Shoes
- ☐ Towels and Washcloths
- ☐ Hygiene Products
- ☐ Hair Dryer and Tools
- ☐ Bathrobe

Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Cleaning and Laundry Supplies
- ☐ Vacuum
- ☐ Extension Cords and Surge Protector
- ☐ Every Charger Known to Mankind
- ☐ First Aid Kit
- ☐ Prescriptions/Medications
- ☐ Essential Documents
- ☐ School Supplies
- ☐ Snacks
- ☐ Business Suit (for career fairs and interviews)

And of course, Room Décor!

Already in Your Room:

- Bed Frame
- Twin XL Mattress
- Closet and Dresser
- Microfridge
- Desk and Chair
- Window Blinds
- Carpet or Tile Floor
- Cable and Internet

PACKING HACKS

#1

Keep it cool—avoid struggling to drag your overpacked plastic bin across campus. Simply keep your clothes on hangers. Stay organized by wrapping rubber bands around the top handles. Then place all the items onto reusable garment bags or large trash bags. Once on campus, you can easily place the bundle straight into your closet. Less time unpacking, more time to chill.

#2

Use a laundry bag to carry foldable items like jeans and sweaters. Save and store the bag for future laundry days.

#3

Vacuum-sealed bags are essential when transporting and storing bulkier items like winter knits or decorative pillows. Reuse them throughout the year to store items under your bed too.

#4

Sweaters and shirts are ideal for safely wrapping fragile items. Leave the bubble wrap at home.

#5: Buy Online

Forget packing it all! We're conveniently located less than 10 minutes away (approximately \$10 via *UberX*) from major retailers like Bed Bath & Beyond, Target, and Walmart. This means you can now order all your essentials online and pick up in-store when school starts. Amazon Prime also offers college students a 6-month trial totally free. Have your items delivered to a nearby Amazon locker for easy pick-up instead.

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