

What to Bring – What Every Girl Needs at College

When moving onto campus for the first time, it's difficult to decide what to bring, as well as what not to bring. For starters, take it from a former student who spent all four years of her college career living in the residence halls...Do not bring a U-HAUL full of stuff to move into your room. I promise, you will not need nor will you want all of that stuff in your room. More than likely, there will not be any room for it anyway because remember, you will have a roommate who will be moving in just as much stuff as you - or more. And don't forget, all that you move into your room, you'll have to move out in May!

It's a good idea to talk with your roommate before either of you begin packing and loading up. Discuss who will bring a television, stereo, garbage can, futon, etc...anything you don't need multiples of. Also, because of fire and safety hazards, there are some items that are not allowed on campus or in the residence halls, such as, candles, pets (except fish), coffee makers, toaster ovens, firearms, etc. Check out the complete "What to Bring and What Not to Bring" at www.muw.edu/communityliving/MoveIn.html.

After you have talked with your roommate and checked out the website, you can now begin packing. You can start with obvious necessities such as, toiletries, hair dryer, curling iron, flat iron, towels, wash cloths, notebooks, pens, pencils, etc. There is internet access in every room, so all you'll need to bring is your computer, power cord, and an Ethernet cord. Of course you will need shoes and clothing, but don't bring your entire wardrobe to start with. Bring a few favorite outfits, a few t-shirts, lounge clothes, etc., see how much closet and drawer space you have and then, on your next visit home you can return some clothes or take some back to school with you if needed. Don't forget to bring bedding, blankets, and pillows. Bed frames and mattresses are provided in the residence halls, as well as a dresser per person, desk and chair per person, and bathroom mirrors. If possible, I would recommend bringing a small fan. The temperature is regulated pretty well throughout the year, but it's still a good idea to have an alternative cooling device.

Feel free to bring pictures and other décor to make the residence hall room your own. You will spend a lot of time in this room so take some time to make it cute and homey!

I know you will love residence life here at MUW. Living on campus provides you with so many opportunities to get involved on campus, meet new people, and build lifelong friendships. During my time in the residence halls, I met three of my current best friends who were bridesmaids in my wedding. I know all of us will be lifelong friends and we now have memories of college and residence life to cherish and reminisce.

Good luck and God bless your college journey!

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