Ideas for... What to Bring and What to Buy

Packing for college is not necessarily an easy task, so we have prepared a list of "essential" items that may assist you. First, consider the thought that “less is better” or “if in doubt – leave it out!” Remember, you will be sharing a room with another person. To ensure that you are not duplicating items that could be shared, it is recommended that you check with your future roommate before you purchase and pack larger items.

Also you may want to be prepared by bringing clothes for all occasions. Besides the usual assortment of jeans, shorts, shirts and sweats, you may want to bring along some clothes for dressy occasions…there will be some events you won’t want to miss! Pack that special dress, suit, sport coat, tie or traditional regalia! And even though we are in Southern California, we can have some cool nights so bring a coat as well. The beach is 15 minutes away and snow skiing is only one hour away. Whatever you don’t bring or even forget to bring, no need to worry; you will have an opportunity during orientation week to go shopping. The Residential Life staff will be happy to assist you if you have any questions.

Items you should bring from home:
➢ Camera
➢ Decorations: favorite pictures, posters or wall hangings to decorate your side of the room
➢ Musical instruments
➢ Umbrella or rain slicker (It does rain in California sometimes.)
➢ Personal items such as toiletries and any medicines that you are taking

Items you may consider purchasing when you arrive:
➢ Desk lamp
➢ Pillow
➢ Mattress cover
➢ Bed linens, blanket or comforter and sheets for extra long twin mattress (38 inches x 80 inches)
➢ Towels
➢ Hangers
➢ Laundry items such as laundry bag or basket, bleach and detergent
➢ 2.7 cubic refrigerator *
➢ Television
➢ Music system
➢ Alarm clock or clock radio
➢ Iron and ironing board **
➢ Flashlight
➢ Sports/hobby equipment

* Energy efficient microwave and mini refrigerator combination units not exceeding 2.7 cubic feet are permitted in rooms. Microwaves are not permitted in the rooms however; each residence hall pantry offers a microwave and standard sized refrigerator for residents’ convenience.

** The Residence Hall Front Office has supplies and equipment for residents to check-out including iron/ironing board, a vacuum cleaner and tools.