

A checklist of things to take to university – Essentials



Documents and Paperwork

- a valid passport (or recognised travel card)
- entry visa / entry certificate (if applicable)
- unconditional offer letter from your university
- documentary evidence of financial support
- driving license
- passport size photographs (at least 4)
- medical certificate (if applicable) / NHS number
- medical insurance – if in UK for less than 6 months
- National Insurance number (if applicable)
- bank account details
- some travellers cheques
- a small amount of cash to spend in the first few days
- CV and references
- address book and email contacts list
- separate list of important/emergency phone numbers
- room contents insurance documentation (if applicable)
- details of advance fees paid to your university
- a letter sent from university to your home address
- all other necessary university/college documents
- your home doctor and dentist details
- all relevant exam certificates

Study Room

- duvet and duvet cover/s
- pillows & pillow case/s
- sheet/s
- clothes hangers (not too chunky!)
- photos of family and friends
- desk lamp

Bathroom

- face cloth / flannel
- hand towel/s
- bath towel/s
- toilet roll
- toothbrush and toothpaste
- deodorant
- hairbrush / comb
- liquid soap
- shower gel
- shampoo & conditioner

Kitchen

- plates (large and medium)
- bowls
- mugs
- glasses (one tall and one tumbler)
- cutlery (knives, forks and spoons)
- small / medium frying pan
- 1 or 2 saucepans with lids
- tin opener
- chopping board
- cutting knives (paring, vegetable & chef's)
- scissors

Kitchen (continued)

- vegetable peeler
- cheese grater (flat)
- wooden spoon
- wooden spatula
- tea towel/s
- lidded food containers
- colander / sieve
- corkscrew / bottle opener
- basic cupboard ingredients
- washing-up items
- simple recipe book

Studying

- course books
- course notes / pre-reading materials
- diary / day planner
- dictionary
- translation book / computer application (if applicable)
- pad of lined paper
- basic stationery (pens, pencils, etc.)

Healthcare

- glasses / contact lenses
- personal medication (if applicable)
- anti-allergy pills (if applicable)
- birth control

Electricals

- mobile phone (and charger!)
- UK visitors adaptor plug (for mobile phones & laptops)
- laptop or desktop computer (and all leads)
- ethernet network cable
- alarm clock radio
- calculator (simple or advanced)
- multi plug extension lead (preferably surge protected)
- USB memory drive/s

Special Clothing

- raincoat
- formal eveningwear (including your national dress - if appropriate)

Miscellaneous

- umbrella
- spare light bulbs
- earplugs
- safety pins
- small sewing kit
- matches
- clock

A checklist of things to take to university – Desirables



Documents and Paperwork

- diary and/or calendar
- discount travel cards
- TV license (if you have a television)
- Map / tourist guide of new location
- stamps and envelopes

Study Room

- pin board or message board with markers
- mattress cover
- blow-up mattress (and pump)
- sleeping bag
- bed cover
- blanket
- potted plant/s
- duster
- laundry bag
- clothes horse
- posters
- non-marking wall stickers (such as 'White Tac')
- poster hangers
- rugs
- floor cushion / beanbag
- door wedge
- dustpan and brush (should be provided)
- iron & ironing board
- mini fridge (only if your halls allow it)

Bathroom

- basic first aid kit
- box of tissues
- jewellery
- hair dryer
- hair straighteners
- wash bag
- nail clippers
- make up
- perfume / after-shave
- hair gel / hair spray
- razor
- shaving cream/gel
- lip balm
- bath mat

Kitchen

- microwaveable bowl
- potato masher
- oven gloves
- kitchen utensil set (non-scratch nylon)
- egg cups
- small casserole dish
- baking tray (non-stick)
- wine glasses
- breadknife
- chopsticks
- cling film
- tin foil

Kitchen (continued)

- roll of polythene bags
- tray
- shot glasses
- cleaning products
- washing powder / liquid / tablets
- kettle (if not provided)
- toaster
- toasted sandwich maker

Studying

- post-it notes
- scissors
- printing paper
- sticky tape
- stapler
- hole punch
- paper clips
- files / sleeves
- A4 folders
- sticky labels
- thesaurus
- book stand / support

Healthcare

- headache tablets
- painkillers
- cold / flu remedies
- multivitamins

Electricals

- bedside lamp
- printer (basic or advanced)
- small CD player / music system
- small television (ideally with built-in DVD player)
- camera
- headphones
- batteries
- CDRs / CDRWs
- rice cooker (only if your halls allow it)

Special Clothing

- dressing gown & slippers
- swimwear
- flip flops (for showers / communal wash areas)

Miscellaneous

- bicycle
- sports clothing
- sports gear (rackets, bats, balls, frisbee, etc.)
- torch
- fan
- extra storage (cardboard or plastic boxes)
- large suitcase