



Back-to-school supplies for college

Basics

- No. 2 pencils or mechanical pencils
- Large eraser
- Ballpoint pens in a variety of colors
- Notebooks or loose-leaf paper
- Ruler
- Sticky notes and flags (Many bookstores buy back books that aren't too marked up.)

Organizational helpers

- 3-hole punch
- Backpack/messenger bag
- Scotch tape
- Stapler
- Scissors

Study aids

- Index cards (to make flashcards)
- Highlighters in a variety of colors
- Schedule/planner (In addition to using a smartphone)
- Calculator (Check class requirements. Students may need graphing calculators for some math and science classes.)

Technology

- Laptop
- Power strips
- Extension cords
- Headphones
- Wireless card or mobile hotspot

Living supplies

- Bedding
- Shower supplies (toiletries, towels, flip flops, a caddy with holes in the bottom for drainage to carry toiletries back and forth)
- Laundry supplies (quarters or laundry card, detergent, fabric softener, drying rack, bag/basket/cart for transport)
- Hangers
- Plastic cups, utensils, and plates
- Water bottles (stainless steel or BPA-free)
- Can opener
- Small refrigerator (Double check what size is allowed before purchasing.)
- Vitamins, allergy meds, and pain relievers, such as aspirin or ibuprofen
- Cleaning wipes
- Air fresheners
- Desk lamp (for a well-lit study space)
- Handheld vacuum cleaner
- Tool set (hammer, screwdriver, nails, etc.)
- Ear plugs
- Extra storage (trunk, storage boxes)

Nice to have

- Board games
- Deck of cards
- Umbrella and rain boots
- Photos
- Wall art (and adhesive strips or hooks)
- Bulletin board/cork board/dry erase board