

DORM ESSENTIALS 2015

Back-to-school shopping takes on a new meaning when you're heading off to college for the first time! You'll have so much fun styling your new room, but you'll also have to haul a lot of stuff to campus. Use this checklist to make sure you have everything you need to turn a plain dorm room into a fabulous new home.

Bed:

- Twin XL sheet set
- Comforter or bedspread
- Blankets
- Mattress protector
- Mattress topper or feather bed
- Standard pillows
- Standard pillowcases
- Pillow protectors
- Decorative throw pillows

Bedroom and storage:

- Alarm clock or clock radio
- Small broom and dustpan
- Iron and small ironing board
- Extra pair of eyeglasses with case
- Flash light with batteries
- Lap desk
- Picture frames
- Portable fan
- Desktop mirror
- Trash can
- Clothes hangers
- Plastic bins that fit under the bed
- Locking storage box for documents

Bath and laundry:

- Bath towels
- Washcloths
- Caddy for shower supplies
- Bathrobe
- Flip-flops or slippers
- Basic first-aid kit
- Laundry bags
- Mesh wash bag
- Clothes hamper

Kitchen:

- Dinnerware
- Flatware
- Glasses
- Cups for hot beverages
- Dishtowels
- Microwave
- Mini fridge
- Blender
- Toaster
- Frying pan and cooking pots
- Cooking utensils
- Coffee maker
- Reusable eco-friendly grocery sacks
- Garbage can

Electronics:

- Personal laptop or tablet computer
- Power strip and surge protector
- TV and Blu-ray player
- Speakers for phone or computer
- Headphones
- Gaming console

On the Move:

- Backpack or messenger bag
- Water bottle
- Travel coffee mug
- Raincoat and umbrella
- Bicycle, helmet, and lock
- Gym bag
- Carry-on bag for short trips