

# Moving to Uni - The Checklist



Moving to university. It's scary, it's exciting, it's stressful. Use this checklist to keep yourself well organised, while taking this next step in your life.

## Important documents you might need

You might want to take some important documents with you. (Make copies, don't carry originals around to avoid losing them.)

- Copy of your ID;
- Copy of your driver's license (if you have one);
- University documents, such as your acceptance letter;
- Accommodation documents, if you are benefiting from student accommodation;
- National insurance card;
- A couple of passport-sized photos;
- All other letters and documents that were sent to you by the university.

## Uni stationery

- Sticky notes
- Retractable box cutter
- Tape
- Notebooks
- Pens and pencils
- Pencil case;
- Highlighter markers;
- Folders

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## Clothes to pack for your move to uni



Pack all the clothes you want but keep in mind the storage you will have in the room. Often times people pack way too many clothes and buy even more once they get there. The important thing is to pack warm clothes alongside your shirts and shorts. You don't know what mother nature has planned for your stay, so be prepared.

### Here are a couple of things that you should take with you:

- Slippers or slides** - Occasional sauce on the floor and maybe even a piece of broken glass from last night's pre-drinks are not something uncommon. Don't go bare feet;
- Formal outfit** - Often there is a formal ceremony for the freshmen to be enrolled in the university;

Additional items for your clothes

- Laundry basket** - A cotton bag type one would be best, especially if it has hangers, so you can carry it to the washing room;
- Airer** - Most laundry rooms will have a dryer as well but often the queue for those is way longer. Bring an airer with you so you can hang your freshly washed clothes in your room;
- Pegs** - Get a pack of pegs just in case. If you have somewhere to hang your clothes on the outside they will dry out faster. If not, you can always be creative and use them for hanging pictures, fairy lights and others;
- Door hanger** - It will come in handy for your towels, hoodies and jackets;
- Hangers** - to store your clothes in the closet.

## Electrical items that you should take to uni

- Laptop** - You can bring your PC but you will be better off with your laptop;
- Extension leads** - Get two and use them on different sockets to avoid overloading;
- Speakers** - Portable or not, but do pack some;

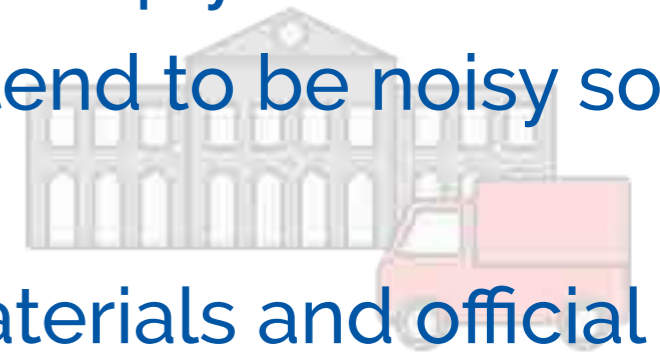
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- ❑ **A good set of noise-cancelling headphones** - This item will help you so much while studying. The walls are usually not so thick and people tend to be noisy so you will have to find a way to deal with it;
- ❑ **Two USB drives** - One for personal files, the other for uni materials and official documents. Keep the second one somewhere safe. Maybe on your University pass if you are using it often;
- ❑ **Ethernet / Lan cable** - so you can connect your PC or TV to the internet, plus if you are connected via a cable you won't have to worry about Wi-Fi coverage;
- ❑ **HDMI cable** - it might come in handy, especially if you gather for a gaming session or you need to connect a device to an external monitor;
- ❑ **Toast machine** - a toast machine could be a real lifesaver in uni. Ass long as you have bread, cheese and ham you are all set.



## Student kitchen essentials

- ❑ **Snacks** - It may not be a utensil but you will need some. You will most likely arrive at your new home late and you will start with the unpacking right away. You might want to pack foods such as instant noodles, just in case you are in need of a quick meal;
- ❑ **Mug** - your favourite mug, which will remind you of your home;
- ❑ **Glasses** - Bring at least two so you can have a spare if needed;
- ❑ **Spatula, slotted spoon and a wooden spoon** - Those are your main three weapons for battling almost every recipe;
- ❑ **Frying pan** - Make sure it is a non-stick one;
- ❑ **Saucepan** - You can get two of those if you plan to cook on a regular basis. It can really save you a lot of time in some cases;
- ❑ **Colander** - Let's be honest, most of your meals are probably going to be pasta based from now on. A colander will also come in handy when you wash some fruits and you should get some because the university diet of most students is not so healthy;
- ❑ **Cutleries** - Teaspoon, fork, knife and spoon. You can double down on those just to have a spare for a friend, or if you lose something;

- Sharp knife** - Get something decent in size, but not too big;
- Chopping board** - Get a bigger one, but just like with the knife, don't overdo it. You should be able to cut two different things in both ends of the board without much of a hassle;
- Bowls and plates** - Two of each will be more than enough for your needs. Bring a big salad bowl as well, you can also serve chips and popcorn in it;
- Dishwashing brush** - You are bound to burn a meal or two in that frying pan and washing it will be hard. A dishwashing scrub will save you a lot of time, nails, and effort;
- Oven glove** - Students often forget this important utensil;
- A couple of plastic storage boxes** - they will come in handy if you want to pack some food for the go or save some of your meal for tomorrow. (Ice cream boxes work just fine.)



## Bedroom Decoration

- Fairy lights** - The light will make your room feel cosy and warm. It is amazing how a set of fairy lights can transform a room with plain white walls and no decoration at all;
- Bed cover** - Get something to match the interior of your room, or at least other things that you have bought;
- Artwork** - If you have some drawings of your own or those of a family member, even better;
- Favourite posters** - Something with motivational texts, your favourite car or your dream house, anything that will get you through a tough day and motivate you to keep moving forward;
- Corkboard** - You can organise everything on it, print your schedule and put in there so you can see it constantly. You can also pin pictures on the corkboard as well;
- Command strips** - In most student accommodations making holes in the walls is forbidden. Those strips will help you hang all of your decorations without damage. Just peel them off slowly when moving out, not to strip the paint.

## Bathroom items

- Flip-flops** - You should have a pair so you won't take your showers barefooted. It is not advisable, especially in shared bathrooms. You may develop feet fungus and an odd smell and it won't be the fault of your flatmates;
- Dressing gown** - Or towels, whatever you prefer;
- A couple of face towels** - Keep those in your room and take them with you when you are going in the bathroom. You don't want people to dry their hands in it. These towels should be used only for your face.

## Toiletries

- Soap;
- Shower gel;
- Shampoo;
- Deodorant;
- Perfume;
- Face wash;
- Toothpaste;
- Toothbrush;
- Nail clippers;
- Others on preferences;
- Shower caddy;
- Travel soap case;
- Toilet paper - pack at least one roll for emergencies.

## Meds for your university survival kit

- Paracetamol
- Ibuprofen
- Plasters
- Disinfectant

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Pack extra medication if you are on a prescription. Some meds can't be bought in advance because they are dispensed monthly. For those, you will have to clear things out with your doctor. However, if you can stock-up your meds, do it.



## What should you buy there

Those items are definitely uni must haves, but can easily be acquired in a couple of days after you move in. We leave the decision on whether to pack them or not to you.

- Pack of batteries;
- Plants for your room;
- Spare light bulbs.

Good luck and have fun! You are in for a treat. It might be scary at first but time in the university is considered to be one of the most amazing times in a person's life. Enjoy it!

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