Suggested Items to Bring - International Students

Items you should consider bringing from home...

1. A couple of favorite snacks and recipes
2. Movies (note: the video system in the US is NTSC, but students can reserve a classroom with an universal DVD player and TV), music and books in your native language
3. Souvenirs from home (clothing, sculptures/carvings/ paintings/ pictures/posters, etc. (For any wall posters, use poster putty or removable adhesive – no duct tape or nails)
4. Prescription medication
5. Travel adapter/converter plug –the U.S. has a different voltage and wall sockets/plugs*
6. Unlocked cell phone – so that you can get a U.S. simcard
7. Bed sheets for the first few days (a blanket will be provided)
8. Bring your own supply of common personal products such as bathing soap, body lotion, etc. Remember that it might take you a while to find a local store that sells your desired or commonly used products.
9. Some “dress up” clothes
10. Extra phone charger

We recommend you purchase most of these suggested items after you arrive in Kalamazoo. This will save you extra baggage and shipping costs.

1. Bed linens, comforter (beds are extra long in size)
2. Bath towels, hand towels, wash cloths
3. Bath robe
4. Flip flops/shower shoes
5. Toiletries/hair dryer
6. Shower caddy - something to carry toiletries to and from the bathroom (most new students are assigned spaces with community bathrooms)
7. Laundry bag/bin/basket
8. Laundry detergent - residence hall machines use high efficiency detergent, so look for something with the ‘HE’ label)
9. Medications/first aid kit. The Student Health Center lists specific recommendations found here.
10. Seasonal clothes (you will need a hat, mittens, boots and a warm coat in the winter!)
11. Umbrella and rain boots
12. Hooks with removable adhesive/over the closet hanger/ other space savers for storage
13. Alarm clock
14. Laptop (24 hour computer labs with printers are available on campus)
15. Power strip to plug in multiple electronics (maximum rating of 15 amps and must offer surge suppression and circuit protection). Devices that meet the standard are available at the Bookstore.
16. Storage bins  
17. Stationary  
18. Flashlight  
19. Area rug (discuss with Roommate)  
20. Mini-refrigerator (discuss with Roommate)  
21. Microwave (discuss with Roommate)

Please note that you will have a chance to go shopping during the International Student Orientation.

* The electricity supply in the US and the shape of electricity outlets may be different than in your home country. Electricity supply is 120 volts. If your appliances do not match the electricity supply or outlet shape, consider bringing an adapter or purchasing your electronics in the United State. (Go to http://kropla.com/electric2.htm to see what US electric outlets look like.)