“What to Bring” Suggestion List for Incoming Students

Consult with your roommate about potential shared items (e.g. fridge, microwave) to save time and money!

1. Bedding/pillows/mattress pad (all beds are twin XL; linens are not available through the College)
2. Towels
3. Toiletries
4. Cleaning supplies (students with shared bathrooms and responsible for cleaning their own)
5. Desk lamp
6. School supplies
7. Appliances (please view list of approved appliances here: https://reason.kzoo.edu/reslife/policies/prohibited/)
8. Shower tote (most first-year students are assigned spaces with community bathrooms)
9. Flip flops/shower shoes
10. Bath robe
11. Laundry bag/bin/basket
12. Hangers
13. Laundry detergent (residence hall laundry machines use high efficiency detergent, so look for something with the ‘HE’ label)
14. Seasonal clothes and shoes (Michigan has four distinct seasons and conditions vary greatly)
15. Sewing kit
16. Plastic crates or containers to use as organizers
17. Hooks with removable adhesive/over the closet hanger/other space-savers for storage
18. Alarm clock (if your phone does not have one)
19. Rugs (all residence hall rooms have tile floors)
   Note: We do NOT keep specific measurements of rooms, so please do not call and ask us for your room dimensions! This is a good purchase to make after you are here and have set up your room.
20. Fan (box fans fit in most windows and they also provide great “white noise” for sleeping)
21. Computer/printer (24 hour computer labs are available on campus)
22. Television with cable cord. All bedrooms have one cable TV hookup, and the College currently provides basic cable. All residence halls have a TV lounge available for students who do not want a TV in their room.
23. 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 College Bookstore.
24. Plastic cups/plates/bowls/utensils
25. IPod/CD player or other music device
26. Broom and dust pan
27. Cards/board games/video game system
28. Posters/pictures for walls (use poster putty or removable adhesive - no duct tape or nails); framed pictures and decorations
29. Dry erase board for your door

*Please keep in mind that the College assumes no responsibility for loss or damage from any cause including, but not limited to, theft, electricity, water, and heat, to the personal property of residents. Each resident is responsible for their own property and that of guests. The College encourages students to either make sure their possessions are covered under parents’ homeowners insurance, or obtain renters insurance.