

## WHAT TO BRING TO COLLEGE

**NOTE:** This is not an all-inclusive list, and not everything on this list is absolutely necessary. Bring what you need to make yourself comfortable and happy. Many of these items can also be purchased on campus upon your arrival. We also recommend that you talk with your roommate to discuss some of items/purchases in advance so that you can share some of the larger things. SUNY Potsdam is not responsible for items that are lost, stolen, or damaged. Please check with your insurance provider to see if your current homeowners or rental policy covers the residence hall room or if you need to purchase a rider. Happy shopping!

- ❖ Area rug/small carpet
- ❖ Stereo, MP3 or I-Pod
- ❖ TV/DVD/Blu-ray
- ❖ computer/lap top with 12 to 20 feet of Ethernet cord
- ❖ things to decorate the room, but that will not damage the walls (no fabrics)
- ❖ clothes for all 4 seasons
- ❖ winter clothes to include - thermals, wool socks, good boots, warm coat, hat, gloves, scarf, etc.
- ❖ chargers
- ❖ storage crates/bins & hangers
- ❖ iron/ironing board
- ❖ bathing suit
- ❖ towels & wash cloths
- ❖ twin extra-long sheets (78" X 34")
- ❖ pillows/blankets/mattress cover
- ❖ fan
- ❖ tissues/Kleenex
- ❖ hair dryer
- ❖ toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc.)
- ❖ desk lamp
- ❖ extra light bulbs – CFLs only
- ❖ shower caddy
- ❖ shower shoes (flip flops)
- ❖ something to secure valuables (i.e. lockable trunk)
- ❖ photo identification & credit card
- ❖ bathrobe & slippers
- ❖ laundry bag/basket
- ❖ detergent/dryer sheets/stain remover
- ❖ Dish soap, sponge & towel
- ❖ medication/prescriptions/thermometer
- ❖ health insurance information
- ❖ snacks and non-perishable foods
- ❖ school supplies & desk organizers
- ❖ sewing kit
- ❖ camera
- ❖ extra batteries
- ❖ power strips with circuit breaker (extension cords are not allowed)
- ❖ air freshener
- ❖ a few dishes and silverware
- ❖ can opener
- ❖ stamps and envelopes
- ❖ basic tools (wrench, hammer, screwdrivers, pliers, etc.)
- ❖ alarm clock
- ❖ reference books – dictionary, thesaurus, etc.
- ❖ appliances: microwave, small refrigerator, coffee maker (those used to prepare snacks or light meal)
- ❖ small first aid kit with Band-Aids, ointment, gauze, etc.
- ❖ folding clothes drying rack
- ❖ umbrella
- ❖ small dry/wet erase board; corkboard
- ❖ broom & dustpan
- ❖ boot mat - for putting wet shoes and boots on so that they can dry
- ❖ lanyard/keychain for your keys & ID Card
- ❖ an address book with a list of contact info of friends & relatives (phone, snail, IM, e-mail)
- ❖ cell phone

