**Things to take to uni**

A suitcase of clothes, a couple of boxes and a bin bag of bedding - you do not need to take *everything* you possess to uni, although this list may look like it!

### For your room
- **Bedding** – don’t buy anything expensive, your bed will probably double as a sofa, bag dump etc. during the day. A duvet with two different warmth layers that fixes together can work well.
- **Towels**
- **Home comforts**: family photos, posters, cushions, desk lamp, coffee mugs
- **Door wedge** – propping your door open shows when you are ‘available’ and is a great help when you are bringing stuff in and to make friends when you first move in.

### Kitchen (you may need none, some or all of this depending on where you live and your cookery skills!)
- **Crockery**
- **Chopping board**
- **Cling film**
- **Oven gloves**
- **Tin opener**
- **Storage boxes for fridge** (with name on so your beans don’t become someone else’s beans)

**Kitchen**
- **Cutlery**
- **Grater**
- **Tin foil**
- **Mugs / glasses**
- **Dishcloths**
- **Scales / measuring jugs**

### Food
- Some halls of residence provide one or two meals per day, but most are self-catering.
- The rest of it is up to you – if you are not sure about basic food groups/basic nutrition, this is something to research before you go.

### Clothing
- Bear in mind what time of year the term will cover – it might start warm but end up cold.
- Plenty of casual clothes and a few going out items
- **Waterproof coat / jacket**
- **Dressing gown/pjs/slippers** – if only for the 3am fire alarm!
- **Clothing for interviews / part-time work**
- **Gym / sports gear**

### Personal
- **Toiletries**
- **Medication & copies of prescriptions**
- **Glasses / contact lenses**
- **Mobile phone**
- **Headphones**
- **Water bottle**
- **Bank cards, cheque book, paying in book, bank details**
- **Travel cards**

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### Stationery & equipment
- Books – the uni library will have all the books on your reading list, as will the local bookshop. A lot of course material is now available online though, so do your research before you buy.
- File paper, notebook highlighters, pens, stapler, hole punch, paper clips, sticky notes, pins.
- Laptop – unis have lots of PCs but you might want to work back at base; some unis loan laptops.
- Printer – again, uni libraries will have these but you might want to have your own, in which case you will also need printing paper, ink cartridges.
- USB memory sticks.

### Documents/Information/Advisable
- Passport (if you have one)
- Driving licence (if you have one)
- Passport sized photos and scanned photos for enrolment, travel cards etc.
- National Insurance Number & NHS medical card
- Vaccination history
- Insurance documents
- Confirmation of scholarship/bursary
- Any Student Finance documentation you have
- Confirmation of your place at uni
- CV and references
- DBS check if you need one
- Relevant exam certificates or results slips

### Miscellaneous
- Laundry items – buy washing powder when you get there but take a laundry basket/bag and something to carry laundry to washing machine/ laundrette in.
- Iron and ironing board – although your hall of residence may have these to share.
- Day bag for use at uni – strong enough to carry several heavy books and files.
- Weekend bag for going home/ seeing friends.
- Chargers.

### What not to take
- A set of rigid suitcases – space will probably be a premium – where are you going to put them? Ask nicely and Mum and Dad might take the one/several you use home with them.
- A car – it’s unlikely there will be anywhere for students to park and public parking is expensive. Leave it at home and use the bus or train with your travel card.
- Pets – pets and unis don’t mix well. Apart from there being nowhere to stable the pony or the hamster, they also tend to slide down the list of priorities as the academic/social life takes off.
- Parents – uni is about you learning to be independent. Do keep in touch with them on a regular basis as not only will they want to know how you are doing but you might need them from time to time – but no, they can’t stay with you!

This list is by no means compulsory or comprehensive and has been compiled with the help of the Student Room website – for even more suggestions go to [www.thestudentroom.co.uk](http://www.thestudentroom.co.uk) – or just put ‘things to take to uni’ in Google. At the end of the day, what you take is down to you.