

What to Pack When Moving to Wabash College

Clothing:

First, it's important to know about how the weather here is throughout the year so you can plan appropriately for clothing. Please see [this site](#) to learn more about the average temperature each month in Crawfordsville, Indiana. As you can see, we have dramatic changes in weather during the course of the year, so you'll want to know this as you pack. When you arrive in Indiana, it will be during the hottest time of our year, so we suggest you pack the following items since you'd need them right away:

- Short-sleeved shirts
- Shorts
- Jeans
- Light jacket and/or sweater
- Pair of sandals and a pair of comfortable walking shoes
- Socks and underwear
- Sunglasses

For the rest of the year, you will want to bring clothing that you can layer. Layers will keep you warm in the cold, and you can remove the layers if you become too warm. Keep in mind that you can buy all of these items in the US if you'd like to. The local Wal-Mart and some other stores nearby sell clothes at a fairly reasonable price.

- Long-sleeved shirts
- Sweaters and/or sweatshirts/hoodies
- Long pants and jeans
- Winter coat
- Winter hat and gloves
- Warm socks
- Water-resistant shoes/boots

Electronics:

Secondly, you'll want to think about **electronics** you might want to bring with you to the US so you will have them with you immediately upon arrival. Of course, most items can be purchased easily here in Indiana, but you may have to take a trip into a nearby city, Indianapolis, to buy exactly what you want. Electronics you may want to bring:

- International Adaptor (U.S. uses 110 V)
- Cell phone

- Laptop—there is a 24-hour computer lab on campus, but most students choose to buy their own computers (Computers are quite reasonably priced in the US, so you should consider buying them here.)
- Camera
- Calculator
- USB drive

Miscellaneous:

Thirdly, consider other items. You should probably avoid purchasing too many household items in advance because it could increase your luggage costs and could make your travel more difficult. I strongly suggest you plan to bring at least one bath towel and bed sheets and a pillowcase for yourself.

If you would like for the International Center here at Wabash to purchase any of these items in advance for you and have them ready for you upon arrival, please let me know. We can buy any of the following items for you: a towel, bed sheets, a pillow, a pillowcase, and a blanket for your bed.

Consider bringing these items as well:

- Another pair of glasses if you are near-sighted (it's expensive to buy it here)
- Prescription medications: enough for your personal/preferred use. Be sure to know how to use them properly
- School supplies (pens, books, notebooks, etc.)
- A backpack
- Dried snacks
- Cash (Don't bring too much!) and a credit card
- Basic toiletries like shampoo, soap, toothpaste, and shaving foam (bring travel-sized items for now and then you can buy full-sized items in the US)
- 1 Plate, bowl, fork, knife, spoon, chopsticks
- Spices used in your home cooking
- Favorite decoration to remind you of home

When packing any food items, it is essential to find out first if you are allowed to bring that item into the United States. See [this site](#) and [this site](#) for guidance.