

Pack for College





Now that you're thinking of your first year here at UC Santa Cruz, let's cover a big topic: how to pack light for college. First, it's good to know what will be included when you first arrive. Each student will have an extra-long twin bed and mattress (but keep in mind that bedding is not included), a personal desk with a chair, a bookshelf, and clothing storage in the form of a closet, dresser, or wardrobe.

Now, let's talk about what you should bring from home. Make sure you have clothes for each season--it's cold and rainy here in the winter, but can get warm during the spring and summertime! Other common items are a laundry basket, bath towels, toiletries, a power strip, an umbrella, a desk lamp, and a reusable water bottle. You can also bring decorations, but they shouldn't be your priority--you'll have plenty of time to decorate once you're settled in. Additionally, if you live in an apartment on campus, remember that you have a kitchen. Items to bring could include pots, pans, and perhaps some dishes and utensils if you plan to eat in your living space.

Apartments

Dishes and silverware

Still: pack light!

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Here's what we recommend...

When you find out who your roommates are, make sure to contact them! It is very helpful when figuring out what to bring. Try to make a plan for who can bring items agreed on, such as microwaves and mini-fridges. Keep in mind during these plans that you are all sharing this space--recognize how much room each item takes from the space, and make sure that everyone is comfortable with the arrangements you make!



Remember: Pack light with just the essentials--you can build on what you have once you're settled in!

Don't worry--anything you forget to bring you can find around Santa Cruz. Make sure to watch the How-to Video on Getting to Know Santa Cruz to know where you can buy essentials in town. Thanks for watching, and we can't wait to see you on campus!

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