What to Bring to College

Living in a residence hall is much different from living in a house or apartment, because suddenly one room is your entire home! Listed below are some items that you may want to consider bringing to Alverno. Not everything is necessary, but students in the past have found them useful.

Before packing everything you own, you should definitely call your roommate and coordinate what each of you will bring. There is nothing worse than having two stereos but no TV or, even worse, two of everything!

If you forget something, it’s not the end of the world! Remember that Alverno is conveniently located minutes from 27th Street, where you can purchase any items that you may have forgotten from stores like Target, Wal-Mart, Office Max, and Kohl’s.

### Personal Items
- Bedding – blankets, pillow, standard twin sheets
- Bandages
- First-Aid Kit
- Hair Dryer
- Pain Relievers
- Prescriptions
- Shower Caddy – a waterproof tote for your shower items
- Toiletries – soap, deodorant, toothbrush, etc.

### Clothing Items
- Athletic Shoes
- Bathrobe – for ‘traveling’ to the showers
- Casual Clothing
- Coats – fall and winter
- Dress Clothes
- Gloves/ Hat/ Scarf
- Long Underwear
- Pajamas
- Shower shoes/ Sandals
- Slippers
- Snow Boots
- Socks
- Sweaters/ Sweatshirts
- Underwear
- Workout clothes
- Hangers

### Electronic Items
- Alarm Clock
- Desk Lamp
- Camera
- Computer – both residence halls have computer labs available to residents, but if you bring your own computer, every room is wired for cable Internet access as well.
- Power Strips – with surge protectors
- Radio/ CD Player
- Television – both residence halls have lounges with television on each floor
- Cable cord for your television
- Fan

**Cell Phone (or calling cards for public phones)** - the rooms do not have a land line phone. There are many cell phone companies in the area as well as “pay as you go phones” available at many stores. All cell phone companies work on campus, but some work better in the residence halls than others. Here is a list of providers that work well in the residence halls:
- T Mobile (they have a tower on campus)
- US Cellular
- Sprint/Nextel

*Please note: We are not suggesting you switch carriers if you already have an existing line. This information is based on feedback from students that lived on campus this past year.*
Laundry Items
- Bleach
- Fabric Softener
- Laundry Basket/ Bag
- Laundry Detergent
- Stain Remover
- Iron/Ironing Board – also available in each wing’s lounge

** The Campus Center has a change machine and there are laundry machines as well as detergent vending machines in both halls

Miscellaneous Items
- Batteries
- Flashlights
- Message Board – for your door
- Recreational Equipment – don’t forget winter sports!
- Bicycle and bike lock – the Campus Center has a cable to secure bikes to, but you need to provide the lock
- Sewing Kit
- Social Security Card – to work on campus
- Your insurance card/health insurance information
- Umbrella
- Anything to decorate your room – photos/posters
- Removable tape or wall putty to hang decorations
- Pictures of family and friends – maybe a yearbook
- Organizer or planner – calendar
- Backpack – and you’ll learn to carry it on both shoulders! Some students like the backpacks on wheels.
- Phonebook from your hometown

What you should leave at home
- Pets (except fish in a bowl or a small aquarium)
- Microwave and refrigerator – these are both provided free of charge by the College!
- Expensive clothing and jewelry – this is the real world, and unfortunately theft can occur
- All flammable and combustible liquids, including art supplies such as thinner
- Weapons
- Candles – candles are a fire hazard, so we can’t even allow them for decoration – enjoy them when you’re at home : )
- Incense, fireworks, sparklers, smoke bombs
- Air conditioners
- Water beds
- Halogen lamps
- Light dimmers and ceiling fans
- Cooking and heating devices such as electric toaster ovens, toasters, broilers, skillets, hot plates, hot-dog and hamburger cookers, electric woks, rice cookers, immersion coils, hot pots, space heaters, kerosene or oil lamps, alcohol burners – anything with an open coil will be confiscated