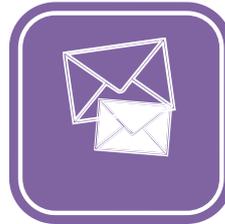


Items you might need in your accommodation...

Documents and Paperwork



Essential

- a valid passport (or recognised travel document / card)
- entry visa / entry certificate (if applicable)
- unconditional offer letter or admission certificate from your university / college
- documentary evidence of financial support for fees and maintenance
- driving licence (if you have one)
- Passport-sized photographs (at least 4) for use at registration etc.
- medical certificate (if applicable) / NHS number
- medical insurance if you are in the UK for less than six months
- National Insurance number (if applicable)
- bank account details
- enough travellers cheques to support yourself until you can open a bank account in the UK
- a small amount of cash to spend in the first few days
- separate list of important/emergency phone numbers
- details of fees and living expenses that have been paid in advance into your university's bank account
- a letter sent to you at your home address by the university for if you open a UK bank account - the bank will require it as proof of your home country residential address all other necessary university/college documents

Study Room



Essential

- duvet and duvet cover/s
- pillows & pillow case/s
- sheet/s
- Clothes hangers (not too chunky!)
- photos of family and friends
- desk lamp

Desirable

- mattress cover
- sleeping bag
- bed cover
- blanket
- duster
- laundry bag
- non-marking wall stickers (such as 'White Tac') for posters etc.
- dustpan and brush (should be provided)

Kitchen

Essential

- plates (large and medium)
- bowls
- mugs
- glasses (one tall and one tumbler)
- cutlery (knives, forks and spoons)
- small / medium frying pan
- 1 or 2 saucepans with lids
- tin opener
- cutting knives (paring, utility/vegetable & chef's)
- scissors
- vegetable peeler
- wooden spoon
- wooden spatula
- tea towel/s
- corkscrew / bottle opener
- simple recipe book

Studying



Essential

- course books
- course notes / pre-reading materials
- diary / day planner
- dictionary
- translation book / computer application (if applicable)
- pad of lined paper
- basic stationery (pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, highlighters, etc.)

Healthcare

Essential

- glasses / contact lenses
- personal medication (if applicable)
- anti-allergy pills (if applicable)

Desirable

- headache tablets
- painkillers
- cold / flu remedies
- multivitamins

Electricals

Essential

- Mobile phone (and charger)
- UK visitors adaptor plug (for dual voltage items such as mobile phones / laptops)
- laptop or desktop computer
- ethernet network cable
- alarm clock radio
- calculator (simple or advanced depending on your course requirements)
- multi plug extension lead (preferably surge protected)
- USB memory drive/s

Special Clothing



Essential

- raincoat

Desirable

- dressing gown & slippers
- swimwear
- flip flops (for showers / communal wash areas)

Although it is very tempting to bring every piece of your favourite bedding and cooking/eating items with you, you need to carefully consider whether it is worthwhile carrying it all and paying the various weight surcharges.

You also need to consider the opportunity cost - for every Essential household item you bring with you, that is one less favourite T-shirt or pair of jeans you can fit in your case/s.

You can of course wait until you arrive at your accommodation to buy everything you need from the local shops (assuming they are 'local' or even open at the time / on the day you arrive!) but going out shopping in the first few days will mean you will take longer to settle in and will therefore undoubtedly cause you to miss out on important opportunities to meet new friends.