Packing for Shawnee State University

As an international student, you will want to pack wisely. You should plan to borrow or buy most of the items on the packing list after you arrive. See What to Bring. We provide you with a welcome package and will help you arrange transportation to the nearest stores if you wish to buy items you did not pack.

Check with the airline before you begin packing. Make sure each piece of your luggage is labeled with your name and address. Make sure that you do not exceed the weight limit for luggage on the plane; fees for excess baggage are very expensive!

If you are bringing any electronics from home, carefully check the voltage requirements. The voltage used in the U.S. is 110V.

Check the weather conditions in the Portsmouth area:

Welcome Packages

The Center for International Programs and Activities provides all incoming international students with a welcome package to help make your first night here at SSU a little easier. Each welcome package contains the following new or gently used donated items:

- One set of sheets
- One blanket
- Towels
- Travel size toiletries

The Lending Closet

International students are also encouraged to borrow from our Lending Closet, which contains new and gently used donated items. While the contents of our Lending Closet vary from week to week, frequently donated and borrowed items often include:

- Dishes
- Bedding
- Jackets
- Clothing
- Home goods
Don’t Forget!

- Your personal laptop
- Camera
- Phone numbers and e-mail addresses for your friends and family back home
- Any medications you have a prescription for and a note from your doctor
- Photos of your friends and family from home
- Copies of your passport
- Copies of your acceptance letter
- Copies of your I-20/DS-2019
- Proof of financial support

You should pack your original documents (passport, acceptance letter, I-20/DS-2019, and proof of financial support) in your carry-on luggage. You will need to present these documents in the airport. You should pack duplicate copies of these documents in your suitcase. We also recommend leaving duplicate copies with a family member in your home country.