

What do I pack in my bag?

Whether moving thousands of miles away or a short distance from home, many incoming first-years ask: "What are the essential items to bring to campus?" This especially applies to students who will travel a substantial distance to Brown and will not have the opportunity to bring very many items from home (and remember, most airplanes ask for luggages only up to 50 pounds!) Here your fellow Buddy Coordinators have compiled a list of the must-have items in your luggage. Students that are a car ride away can also take this into account!

CLOTHES

Rain boots, rain coat, umbrella for the occasional rain.

There is a big misconception that just the East Coast has some very cold weather year round, but in reality, the first two months of school have some very humid hot weather so make sure to bring summer clothing (e.g. shorts, light shirts, sandals).

Lots of underwear and socks (lessens laundry time)

Shower sandals!

For cold weather, clothes that you can layer (thermals, leggings, pants, long-sleeves, light sweaters to put under jackets, scarves, mittens, warm hats).

At least one formal/semi-formal outfit. (For guys: a suit, tie, dress shoes, etc. For girls: a dress, skirt, blouse, one pair of heels/flats, etc). You never know if you will attend a school dance, conference, or interview.

Bulky jackets usually take up a lot of space in luggage, so it is more reasonable to either buy them online and have them delivered at your campus mailbox or buy them at a store around the area.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bring just the toiletries you will need immediately (i.e., bath soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc.) if you know you won't have time to stop by the nearby CVS or take the bus to Walmart on the first few days. It is pretty easy to stop by CVS, and you can make this run with new friends.

Plan to buy other items such as school supplies, detergent, large pillow, lamps, etc. near campus to save space. Note: There is a Bed, Bath, and Beyond option where you can choose dorm items in a store back home and pick them up once you arrive to campus at the BBB in Providence Place Mall.