

Packing Checklist



Use this list to help you prepare for your first trip to IWU! During Pre-Orientation, you will go on a shopping trip where you can purchase items you did not travel with. Note that this list may not be comprehensive as everyone's needs are different.

Travel Documents

- Passport and visa
- I-20 or DS-2019
- IWU Admissions documents
- Personal ID
- Travel itineraries
- Transportation tickets
- Emergency contacts, including important addresses for home country and IWU

***** *Be sure to make copies in case of lost luggage or bags!*

Travel Bags/Items

- Backpack and/or handbag
- Suitcase
- Travel pillow
- Earplugs
- Headphones

***** *Use bags that are easy to travel with!*

Medicine

- Prescribed medicine from a medical professional
- Allergy medicine
- Eye contact prescription/solution

***** *If you have a certain prescription for a medical condition, please bring your medicine with you. A note from your home physician is helpful!*

Home Memorabilia

- Traditional attire
- Pictures
- Tea and/or coffee
- Spices
- Small décor

***** *Something to remind you of home and items to display during international events on campus.*

Electronics

- Laptop
- Charger
- Speaker
- Outlet adapter

Clothes

- Shirts (long and short-sleeves)
- Pants
- Shorts
- Jeans
- Shoes
- Socks
- Underwear
- Swimsuit
- Hat
- Glasses
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry

***** *Bloomington has four distinct seasons: winter, spring, summer, and fall. Summer temperature averages 29°C or 84°F. And winter temperatures can reach well below 0°C or 32°F. A warm and thick coat, gloves/mitten, boots, hat, and scarf will be needed, but can be purchased after arrival.*

Toiletries

- Towels
- Face wash
- Makeup
- Lotions and/or creams
- Perfume

***** *Many of these items can be purchased after you arrive, but you may not be able to find certain kinds of products or brands.*

Finances

- Cash
- Credit card(s)

***** *Prepare to bring around \$200-300 USD with you in cash for your first couple of days.*