

## **King's College International Student Packing Tips**

Packing for your time at King's College can be a challenge. Though most items can be purchased after arrival you still need to think about what items you would like to bring from home and which items are easier to purchase when you arrive.

### **Tips about air travel**

- Remember to keep your baggage light and compact. Most US carriers for flights allow one bag weighing up to 50 pounds (23kg) to be checked, one carry-on and one personal item to be brought onto the airplane.
- Only 3 fluid ounces (90ml) of liquid items are allowed onto the airplane, and these should be packed separately in clear plastic bags
- US carriers might also charge fees for checked baggage.

Refer to the TSA website for information about carry-on baggage allowance.

### **Packing tips**

#### **Carry-on items (Check with your airline to make sure what you can carry on board)**

- Passport, student visa, I-20
- Other required proof of identity
- Contact number for King's College
- Money (a small amount of cash will be useful until you open a U.S. bank account)
- Credit card/Debit card/Traveler's checks, if you use them
- Photocopy of passport & list of your traveler's check numbers (if using them) – pack in a separate place from your passport and traveler's checks, in case those are lost or stolen
- A notebook and a pen
- Snacks for the trip
- Laptop and electronics: make sure you back up all your files onto an external hard drive (which you should leave at home), in case your laptop gets stolen or develops a fatal error while traveling.
- A basic change of clothes, TSA-compliant toiletry kit, and several days' worth of any medicine you have to take regularly, in case your checked luggage is lost or delayed.
- Any important health documents (health insurance card, list of any prescribed medications you take)

#### **Things to bring from home:**

- Passport, student visa, I20
- Mementos and items of personal significance. While you DO NOT want to bring irreplaceable family heirlooms or other valuables, you will be glad you brought pictures, posters, and other things that remind you of home.
- Travel adaptor. Find ones that work with your devices. The U.S. uses 110 volts.
- Bath towels and toiletries. These are not provided for you even if you live on campus

#### **Things to buy after arrival:**

- Slippers and shower shoes. If you have a shower in your own room you can forget about the shower shoes, but slippers will come in handy.
- Multipurpose cleaning wipes.

- Extension cords and multi plugs
- Sewing kit. At least scissors, string and a needle
- First-aid kit. At least bandages, pain relievers, and other necessities. It is important to take care of yourself if a small injury occurs.
- Hangers for your clothing.
- Tableware. A cup, bowl, place, fork, spoon and a knife. You might want to try buying disposable tableware since it is easy cleanup.
- Storage boxes and shelves.
- Books and academic resources.

### **What do I leave at home?**

For those students who will be living on-campus, there are several items that you are NOT ALLOWED to have in your rooms, including guns, fireworks, candles, incense, halogen lamps, hot plates, space heaters, and pets. Airlines also have a list of items you are not allowed to put in your checked and carry-on baggage, so check with the airline about those restrictions.