WHAT TO BRING

It is not uncommon to arrive at Central and realize that something was left behind, especially since, for most students, coming to college is their first real taste of independent living. Weeks of careful planning and packing definitely help, but it’s also advantageous to hear advice from others who have already been through the experience. The following list is compiled for your reference.

Clothing
- Day-to-day clothing
- Shoes (everyday/shower/flip flop)
- Slippers
- Winter gear: gloves, hat, boots with good traction (many students wait until November to bring heavy winter gear)

Desk Items
- Computer and accessories
- School supplies: notebooks, folders, etc.
- Highlighters, pens and pencils

Food Related Items
- Dishware, silverware/knives, cups
- Water pitcher
- Snack food
- Water bottle

Don’t Forget Your CWU Connection Card!

Room Furnishings
(Coordinate with your roommate)
- Game console
- Plants
- Surge protector extension outlets/power strip
- Desk lamp (No halogen)
- Area rug and other decorations
- Small fan

Recreational Equipment
- Sports equipment
- Bicycle or skateboard and lock
- Games and hobbies
- Swimsuit

Toiletries
- Comb, brush, nail care, tweezers
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, floss
- Deodorant, shampoo, conditioner
- Lotion, soap
- Shaving cream, razor
- Hair dryer, curling iron, straightener
- Bath and hand towels, wash cloth
- Shower caddy
- Shower shoes and bathrobe

Bed Articles
- Pillow and pillow cases
- Sheets (XL) and blankets
- Mattress cover

Miscellaneous
- First aid materials and medications
- Kleenex
- Money, credit/bank card
- Sunglasses
- Hangers
- Backpack for books
- Extra set of home or car keys
- Reading material
- Flashlight
- Tools: screwdriver, hammer
- Laundry basket, detergent, and quarters for the machines
- Clorox wipes/hand sanitizer

WHAT NOT TO BRING
- Refrigerators/microwaves
- Pets
- Weapons
- Hot plates
- Candles

Housing and Residence Life and Dining Services welcome you to Central Washington University. While these items are appropriate, all are not necessary and the priority of these items is left up to the individual. Keep in mind that your personal style and tastes are probably the most important considerations when you are packing for college.

By all means, consult your parents, friends and the above list for advice, but you are the one who is going to have to live with what you bring or don’t bring. It would also be a good idea to talk with your roommate and coordinate with them so that you don’t end up with two of everything. Plan ahead and choose wisely, but don’t panic. You can find almost anything you need on campus or in Ellensburg if you do happen to forget something. We also encourage you to create a list of serial numbers for your valuable items and keep that list at home in the event something is lost or stolen. Remember all halls are wireless.

PLEASE CAREFULLY READ all materials sent to you concerning CWU housing. If you have further questions, call 509-963-1831, or visit cwu.edu/housing for more information.

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Did you know... Students who live on campus are more likely to graduate, have a higher GPA, maintain closer contact with faculty, and have higher levels of self-confidence and self-esteem?

Central Washington University is a residential campus and has a residence hall live-in requirement. If you are a single, freshman student enrolled in seven college credits or more, under the age of 20, and not planning to live locally with your parents or certain relatives, you must live in a CWU residence hall, regardless of the number of college credits you have earned. Running Start students, regardless of class standing, are also required to live on campus for one year. (WAC 106-56-010 and WAC 106-156-011).

Benefits of living on campus:
- **WEEKEND ACTIVITIES**
- **SERVICE LEARNING**
- **COMMUNITY LIVING AGREEMENTS**
- **SUBSTANCE-FREE HOUSING**
- **THEME HOUSING**
- **LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITIES**
- **RESIDENCE LIFE STUDENT STAFF**
- **FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL STAFF WITH STUDENT DEVELOPMENT TRAINING**
- **DEVELOPMENT OF INTERPERSONAL AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

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