

What to Pack When Moving to Wabash College

Clothing:

First, it's important to know about how the weather generally is in Crawfordsville, Indiana throughout the year so you can plan appropriately for clothing. Please see [this site](#) to learn more about the average temperature each month in Crawfordsville. As you can see, *we have dramatic changes in weather during the course of the year*, so you'll want to know this as you pack.

When you arrive in Indiana, it will be during the hottest time of our year, so we suggest you pack the following items since you'd need them right away:

- Short-sleeved shirts
- Shorts
- Jeans
- Light jacket and/or sweater
- Pair of sandals and a pair of comfortable walking shoes
- Socks and underwear
- Sunglasses

For the rest of the year, you will want to bring (or buy later) clothing that you can layer. Layers will keep you warm in the cold, and you can remove the layers if you become too warm.

- Long-sleeved shirts
- Sweaters and/or sweatshirts/hoodies
- Long pants and jeans
- Winter coat
- Winter hat and gloves
- Warm socks
- Water-resistant or waterproof shoes/boots

Please note: Bringing winter coats, sweaters, and boots to the US can take up a lot of space in your checked bag. **Many students choose to buy winter clothing online once they've arrived.**

If you're hoping to fly to the US with on a budget airline that allows only one checked bag, then you should consider looking now at the prices of clothing you could buy once you're in the US from online stores/brands such as [H&M](#) or [Uniqlo](#). If you prefer to shop in person, the local [Walmart](#) sells clothing at reasonable prices.

Also, the International Center has received some donated winter clothing, such as winter coats, that might fit you; however, you need to have a plan to stay warm during the cold months in Crawfordsville, and that will require buying some of the necessary clothing—the International

Center is not going to fully outfit you, and if you're from a warm climate, you need to budget to buy winter clothing.

Electronics:

Secondly, you'll want to think about **electronics** you might want to bring with you to the US so you will have them with you immediately upon arrival. Alternatively, many items can be purchased online by you in your home country and shipped ahead to Wabash. You should ship items to the following address:

[Your Name]
Wabash College
301 W. Wabash Avenue
Crawfordsville, IN 47933
USA

Electronics you may want to bring:

- Laptop—you'd need to use this immediately to begin classwork, so either bring it with you or ship it to yourself at the address above so it's here on campus when you arrive
- [International Adaptor/Converter](#) (the U.S. uses 110 V)
- Cell phone
- Calculator

Please note: If you've already got a phone number issued in your home country, it is likely you will not be able to make phone calls/texts within the US due to poor signal strength or lack of coverage. Although Wabash students are not required to have a US phone number (through a US SIM card), we advise that you do somehow obtain and maintain a US phone number. **We suggest you begin looking for SIM or eSIM options NOW, so you can have your plan started soon after arriving to the US.**

If you are taking **Pre-Cal**, **Calculus 1**, or **Calculus 2**, you need to have a calculator ***WITHOUT algebraic systems and integral solving capabilities, as calculators with those capabilities are not allowed***--If you know you have a Math class this semester, check with your professor to see which calculator you should be buying. For students starting **Financial Economics** (Financial Math/Probability), **Linear Algebra**, or **Multivariable Calculus**, you can use any calculator, so long as it's without algebraic systems.

Miscellaneous:

Thirdly, consider other items that you use regularly. You should probably avoid purchasing too many items in advance because it could increase your luggage costs and could make your travel more difficult.

To make your arrival more comfortable, and to keep things easier for you, the Wabash College International Center will purchase the following items in advance for you and have them ready for you upon arrival:

- a pillow
- a pillowcase
- bed sheets that fit Wabash's student beds
- a comforter (blanket)
- a bath (large) towel
- a laundry basket
- a few drinks and basic snacks

Consider bringing these items as well:

- Prescription medications: enough for your personal/preferred use. Be sure to also bring the actual prescription from your doctor, with English translation, so U.S. Customs officials will not confiscate your medicine
- Cash (Don't bring too much!) and a credit card
- Basic toiletries like shampoo, soap, toothpaste, and shaving foam (bring travel-sized items for now and then you can buy full-sized items at Walmart after you arrive)
- Spices or dried fruit used in your home cooking, since it may take a little while for you to discover how to buy these items in the US. Do **NOT** bring meat! [Here's a link](#) where you can read which foods are allowed into the US.
- Recipes from your family, so you will know how to cook your favorite foods
- Favorite decoration to remind you of home

Please note: When packing any food items, it is essential to find out first if you are allowed to bring that item into the United States. See [this site](#) and [this site](#) for guidance. Do not bring durian or jackfruit or products containing meat.