Travel Packing List for International Students

To help you transition to the United States, we recommend you pack the following items:

- Prior to departure, convert your home country money to $500 USD to carry with you. This amount will help you in case of emergency and be sufficient to establish a personal bank account in the U.S.
- Credit cards(s) – with authorization to use in the U.S. (check with your credit card company). Purchasing amount should be no less than $2,500 USD.
- A laptop computer, or, purchase one in the U.S.
  - The U.S. has 110V plug/outlet for your electronic appliances and/or laptop. Converter (not adaptor) is recommended
- A lightweight jacket for fall or spring; heavy coat for winter
- Workout clothing to use for our fitness center. Swimsuit for College pool
- Comfortable shoes for walking, boots for winter months
- Clothing suitable for the season – check weather for New York at [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)
- Copy of your F1 student visa and passport in your luggage; keep original in your possession at all times and for customs. Keep a copy of I-20 in your luggage
- Prescription medicines (extra), aspirin. Medicine prescriptions, in English – put in carry-on bag
- Eyeglasses (extra pair) or eyeglass prescription, in English
- Personal hygiene items (soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo)
- Snacks in carry-on bag in case of airplane layover delays or cancellations
- Travel alarm clock, small umbrella
- International phone card for use while calling from the U.S. or purchase cell phone in your home country that is capable of international phone calls

**Special Notes:**

- Retain your I-94 card (obtained on the plane to the U.S.) in your Visa/Passport booklet.
- **Carry your I-20 with you!**
- Wear comfortable clothing for your long journey on the plane! Don’t wear open-toed shoes.
- Pay attention to the most recent airline requirements and restrictions on luggage!

You may ship up boxes (do not send luggage) directly to your dormitory room once assigned. Boxes will be delivered to the front office of your assigned Res Life/Dorm hall only. SUNY Oneonta is not responsible for lost or stolen items and we suggest mailing your items with a tracking number (i.e., EMS).

**Shipping Instructions:**

**Example:**

SUNY Oneonta  
[Your Name], New Student  
Room 504A, Hulbert Hall  
Oneonta, NY 13820 USA

*Safe and happy travels!*