Handy Travel List for International Students

To help you transition to the United States, we recommend first time students bring the following:

- Prior to departure, convert your home country money to $500 USD. Carry this in your possession. This amount will help you in case of emergency and be sufficient to establish a personal bank account in the U.S.
- You may purchase Dragon Dollars upon arrival and place these on your Student photo ID (also available upon arrival). Dragon Dollars will allow you to eat on campus and off-campus by using your Dragon Dollars on your Student ID.
- Credit cards(s) – with authorization to use in the U.S. (check with your credit card company).
- A laptop computer, or, purchase one in the U.S.
- Adaptor and/or converter (there is a difference) for 110V plug/outlet for your electronic appliances and/or laptop.
- A lightweight coat for fall, warm coat for winter – NY overnight temperatures can drop to 32°F/0°C
- Twin (single) bed sheets for dormitory room, small blanket.
- Workout clothing to use for our fitness center. Swimsuit for College pool.
- One or two bath towels for shower upon arrival (washer and dryers available in dorm)
- Comfortable shoes for walking—our campus is beautiful but Running shoes with rugged soles (for hiking and walking around). Boots for winter months.
- Clothing suitable for the season – check weather and climate for New York (NY).
- Immunization/vaccination records in English
- Copy of your F1 student visa and passport in your luggage; original in your possession at all times. Original I-20 in your possession at all times – copy of I-20 in your luggage.
- Prescription medicines (extra), aspirin. Medicine prescriptions, in English.
- Eyeglasses (extra pair) and/or eyeglass prescription, in English (eyeglasses are expensive in the U.S.), sunglasses
- Personal hygiene items (soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo)
- Snacks in case of airplane layover delays or cancellations
- Travel alarm clock, umbrella.
- Rice pressure cooker/steamer – Ok to use in kitchen (not dorm rooms) – Must have auto-shutoff mode and be approved by OIE.
- International phone card for use while calling from the U.S.

Special Notes:

- Retain your I-94 card in your Visa/Passport booklet.
- Wear comfortable clothing for your long journey on the plane!
- Pay attention to the most recent airline requirements and restrictions on luggage.

Safe and happy travels!