

Congratulations on your acceptance to Clinton!
Here's a list to help you plan what to bring with you.

1. Things you must have to enter the US:
 - Your Passport
 - Your Clinton Acceptance Letter and I-20
 - Your F-1 VISA
 - On the airplane you will be given an I-94, Arrival/Departure Card (you will fill it out in the airplane)

When you get off the plane, you will go through Customs, and then to Immigration. You must show all of the above documents to Immigration, and they will scan your finger print and take your picture. If you have any problems with your documentation, please contact Kathleen.Alexander@clinton.edu.

2. Items from Home: Bring some personal items that are important to you that remind you of home, such as your favorite music/book/pictures of family and friends. Also, bring some items that are typical of your country and customs that you can share with your classmates who will be interested in knowing more about your culture.
3. **Two** copies of all your documents, including passport and visa.
4. Prescriptions and other medications that you take regularly and eyeglasses.
5. Personal items that you use regularly, including toothbrush and toothpaste.
6. Clothes for four seasons (fall, winter, spring and summer). Check out Plattsburgh weather. You may wish to purchase some of your clothes here.
7. Consider how and when you will need to communicate with family, by email and by telephone in and out of the country. Does your cell phone have a card you can purchase to use in the US? You may wish to purchase a new phone here. Set up a WeChat (a China app), Viper, or a Skype account <http://www.skype.com/intl/en-us/home> before leaving, so you can communicate with family and friends for free.
8. Money. It's a good idea to bring some US dollars with you to pay for small items, but don't bring large amounts of cash. You may bring travelers' checks in US dollars (you can use these as you travel and you can deposit them into a bank after you arrive). Credit Cards, Mastercard or Visa, are also very useful (be sure to contact your bank before leaving). Another option for larger sums of money is to have your bank transfer funds in US dollars to a bank in the US. Ask your bank which is the best way to transfer your funds.

We suggest that you open a bank account when you arrive and funds can be easily transferred as you need them. We will help you set up an account during orientation.

9. Things You Don't Need to Bring With You
Very soon after you arrive, we will take you to a shopping center where you can buy things. Some items are not allowed in the country; such as unprocessed foodstuffs. Check the list at <http://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/kbyg/prohibited-restricted>.

Don't bring appliances as they may not be compatible or allowed in the residence halls.

You may want to bring good dictionaries with you, but you don't need to bring textbooks; you will buy those after classes start. Contact us, if you have any questions.