Life in the Hall: What to bring/what not to bring

This basic list is a starting point to help you plan for your arrival. You may want to add or delete some items according to your needs.

**Linens**  bed sheets and blankets (extra-long twin), pillows, towels, and washcloths.

**Dishes**  silverware, a can opener, dish soap, and microwaveable* cups, bowls, and mugs.

**Shower caddy**  a waterproof carrier for your shower supplies (shampoo, soap, razors, toothbrush, etc.), shower shoes or flip flops and a robe are good ideas too.

**Paper products**  tissues, paper towels, napkins, etc.

**Cleaning supplies**  anything you would normally use to keep your room clean. You can borrow a broom or vacuum from the Resident Assistant on your floor.

**Back-up stock**  it is helpful to stock up on items like soap, toothpaste, and detergent from a low-cost store before arriving on campus.

**Personal first aid kit**  prescriptions, bandages, cold and allergy supplies, etc.

**Fan**  a floor or desk fan keeps the air moving in early fall and late spring.

**Power strip(s)**  there are a limited number of outlets in each room and extension cords are not permitted per local fire codes.

**Small refrigerator**  no larger than 4.3 cubic ft.

**Desk lamp**  additional lighting is recommended; halogen lamps are not permitted.

**Umbrella or raincoat**  Bring gear to help you stay warm and dry in all kinds of weather.

**Small rug**  the rooms (11’ x 13’5”) have tile floors, so bring a small rug to add color and warmth.

**Clothes hangers**  over-the-door hooks are great too.

**Warm clothes**  if you’re not returning home before October, bring a jacket and some warm clothes for the arrival of cool fall weather.

**Laundry supplies**  laundry basket, dryer sheets, sewing kit, and detergent suitable for our Maytag Neptune front-loading washers.

**Alarm clock**  you do not want to sleep through class or lunch.

**Phone**  bring a standard phone to plug into your room’s phone jack in order to access your student voicemail. And if you have a cell phone, don’t forget the charger.

**Don’t Bring**
- Air conditioners
- Candles (even decorative)
- Incense
- Extension cords
- Grills, toasters or sandwich makers
- Halogen lamps
- Microwaves*
- Pets (except small fish)
- Flammable or noxious materials**

* Each floor of Taplin Hall has a kitchenette with a microwave oven, a sink, and an instant hot water tap for making tea or noodles. There is also a full kitchen on the first floor.

** Materials like turpentine, paint thinners, oil paint, and plaster are not permitted in Taplin Hall. These items can be used and stored at the Gund Building or McCullough Center. Local fire codes forbid you from using torches in or around any residential building, including Taplin Hall. Items such as spray adhesives and fixatives are not permitted to be used in Taplin Hall, but may be stored in the yellow fire box in the workroom or in a Gund Building locker. Spray paint is not permitted in or around Taplin at any time.