

Welcome to University Housing at LTU! We are excited that you will be living in our residence halls. At LTU, all rooms are fully furnished apartments, with complete kitchens, living rooms, bathrooms, and 1 or 2 bedrooms. Residents are generally accommodated in double-occupancy, which means that two people share each bedroom. As you may be new to the U.S., we have assembled a list of things to bring, along with some practical advice for setting up your new home here at LTU.

As you are traveling a long distance to come here, it is generally advisable that you bring only what you absolutely need, and plan to purchase the other items when you arrive. Part of your orientation to LTU may include a trip to local stores to buy the various items you will need. However, there are some things you may want to bring from home, in case they are not available here. Additionally, we recommend bringing some items with you, in case you arrive late in the day and cannot get to a store until the next day. Also, you should pack some items in the bag that you will carry on the plane so as not to risk losing them if your luggage is misplaced.

WHAT TO TAKE ON THE PLANE

Sometimes luggage is temporarily misplaced. In order to avoid considerable problems if this happens to you, we recommend packing the following items in the bag you will take on the plane.

- Important Documents
 - Passport
 - Student visa
 - Certificate of Eligibility (I-20 form)
 - Arrival/Departure form (I-94), generally issued to you on the airplane before landing
 - Birth certificate (notarized translation if not in English)
 - Certificates of Immunization and Vaccination
 - Academic Documents
- Contact Information – Name, address, and telephone number of your contact at LTU and at home, in case of travel delay or an emergency.
- Airline tickets
- Prescription medication
- Eyeglasses or contact lenses. Also, solution to clean/care for contact lenses.
- Money, credit cards, or traveler's checks
- Enough clothes for 2-3 days
- Personal toiletry items, such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.
- Other personal items – toothbrush, hairbrush, jewelry, watch, etc.
- Books, music, and other items to entertain yourself on the plane
- **DO NOT PUT RAZORS OR OTHER SHARP ITEMS IN THE BAG YOU WILL TAKE ON THE PLANE. THESE ITEMS MUST BE CHECKED WITH YOUR LUGGAGE, PER AIRLINE SAFETY REGULATIONS.**

WHAT TO PACK IN YOUR LUGGAGE

These are things that you will need immediately (cannot wait for a shopping trip), or may not be able to obtain here in the US, or that you may simply prefer to bring from home. Most of these will need to be packed in the luggage you will check, as they won't fit into your carry-on bag.

- Clothes for all weather – Michigan winters are very cold, and summers are very hot. If you do not have some seasonal items, they are readily available at local stores.
- Traveler's dictionary, if needed to assist your translation
- Any religious articles, depending on personal preferences

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT LTU DOES NOT PROVIDE LINENS. We recommend you bring one set of linens with you, in case you cannot get to a store until the following day. You may purchase additional linens after you arrive.

- Fitted sheet (bottom), X-long twin size
- Pillow and pillowcase
- Bath towel
- Flat sheet (top), X-long twin size
- Lightweight blanket
- Washcloth

WHAT TO PURCHASE WHEN YOU ARRIVE

All of the items listed below are things that are NOT supplied by LTU. You should plan to obtain these items for yourself, and it will probably be easier to buy them after you arrive rather than bring them in your luggage. Some items specific to your country can be found at specialty stores or are available on-line.

ROOM	ITEMS YOU NEED	ITEMS YOU MAY WANT
KITCHEN	Silverware/eating utensils Dishes Glasses/mugs/teacups Cooking utensils Pots & pans Can opener Dish towels Pot holders/hot pads Dish rack for drying dishes after washing	Microwave (provided in Univ. Housing-North only) Coffee pot/maker Rice cooker Tea kettle Toaster
LIVING ROOM	Telephone Power strips with surge protector	Television Coaxial cable (LTU provides cable television service, you provide the cable) VCR or DVD player Stereo, radio, CD player, etc.
BATHROOM	Extra towels and washcloths Bath mat Shower curtain and rings Toilet paper/facial tissue Soap, shampoo/conditioner Personal care items – deodorant, shaving supplies, hair care products, feminine hygiene items, toothpaste, etc.	Basket or shower caddy to hold your things Over-the-counter medications for minor ailments (pain relievers, antacids, etc.) Wastebasket
BEDROOM	Lamps (There are no lights in the bedrooms in Univ. Housing- South) Extra sheets and blankets Mattress pad Alarm clock Hangers	Bedspread or comforter Clothes hamper for dirty laundry Small area rug (rooms are carpeted) Wastebasket
LAUNDRY Laundry facilities are in each apartment in North; South has coin operated laundry facilities	Laundry baskets Laundry detergent Quarters (U.S. \$0.25 coin, needed for laundry facilities in Univ. Housing-South)	Fabric softener Dryer sheets Bleach for white clothes and linens Clothespins with hooks to hang small, delicate items in the bathroom
CLEANING SUPPLIES LTU does not clean your room once you move in, nor does LTU provide cleaning supplies.	Garbage can Sponges All-purpose spray cleaner Disinfectant spray All-purpose cleaner (to dilute in water for mopping floors) Scouring cleanser Bleach – Do not mix with other cleaners, and always dilute in water! Mop and broom Paper towels	Air freshener Vacuum

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT YOUR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES MAY NOT WORK IN THE U.S.

The electric supply here for most small, household appliances and electronic equipment is 110V, 60Hz. Many appliances made outside the United States operate on different voltages and frequencies. Also, some countries use a different plug that will not fit into electrical outlets. Check any small appliances and electronics that you plan to bring to see if they are compatible. A guide to electric voltage and frequency, plus diagrams of different plugs used throughout the world can be found at the following website: <http://users.pandora.be/worldstandards/electricity.htm>