

Things to Bring

Below is a list of items recommended by some of our Summer Design Week alums. **Watch out, though—you'll need a big suitcase to fit in everything on this list!** Please note: For each resident we provide a bed, desk, chair, closet, dresser and pillow, as well as bed linens, towels and one blanket. Additionally there is a microwave and a mini-fridge in each room.

- School supplies (pens, pencils, notebooks, paper, etc.)
- Art Supplies will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your favorite drawing and cutting utensils
- Cell phone or prepaid phone card and your address book
- ATM card (There are three ATMS on campus- Wells Fargo Bank, Bank of America and US Bank)
- Money: we can't tell you how much to bring, but enough for coffee, late-night take-out, and a sweatshirt or university souvenir to take home
- Towels—are provided but are welcome if you prefer your own
- Clothes hangers
- Shorts, T-shirts, and water bottles
- Night time lows may get in the low 60's so bring a sweater or sweatshirt, long pants and a light jacket for cool mornings on the off chance that it rains.
- Swimsuit for the pool party activity
- Comfy shoes, for running to class and hiking the beautiful U of I campus
- One nice outfit for special events and class presentations
- Shampoo, soap, shower shoes, tissues, and other personal supplies—and a basket to carry toiletries into the bathroom (especially for showers)
- Your favorite pillow (UI provides one, but is one ever enough?) and favorite comforter
- Earplugs
- Radio, MP3 player or iPod
- Loud alarm clock
- Some things to give your room a personal touch, such as posters
- Snack foods
- A camera—because every memory is precious
- You are welcome to bring recreational items such as Skateboards, Bicycles, non-motorized scooters, etc.

What not to bring:

Don't bring everything you own. Definitely don't bring:

- A television or an air conditioner, because you won't be able to use them;
- Pets of any kind; or
- a motorcycle, scooter, or motorbike, none of which you are permitted to have on campus

Money:

Students frequently ask us how much spending money they should bring. This is really an individual decision. All your meals and most of your other activities are pre-paid as a separate cost of the program. The supply kit is included in the cost of the program. Neither the university nor anyone on the residence staff can hold money for you, and leaving it in your room or carrying a large amount of cash with you is not a great idea. We suggest that you use the ATMs located in Commons, Student Union Building, or the Campus Store. These ATMs have global access hookups. Or, you may want to talk with your home bank to get some suggestions for how to keep money on campus.

Recreational items to consider bringing:

- A skateboard
- A swimsuit
- Hiking Shoes
- Anything else you think might be fun. You never know what you'll have time for!