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### Make Your Packing Plan

- To bring or not to bring, that is the question you have almost certainly been asking in these last few weeks before setting off to BU. Worry not; in this volume, we have compiled a variety of resources (edited by current students, drawing on their own move-in experiences) to guide you on what you may want to bring to Boston and what you may want to leave behind.
- Both [BU Housing](#) and [Parent and Family Programs](#) also provide comprehensive packing lists on their respective websites.



## Student Leader Spotlight

### Eric, Orientation Leader

**College of General Studies (CGS) '26, Sargent College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (SAR) '28, Human Physiology**

#### **Q. What's one thing you brought that you didn't end up using?**

A. There wasn't a lot that I didn't end up using. I was so worried about move-in and about coming in late that I read through everything everyone recommended to make sure I was packing only the necessities, and I also asked lots of questions about what I might need.

#### **Q. What's one item that you recommend every student bring?**

A. Lysol wipes and products are super amazing - they help so much with daily cleaning and resetting your space. I also found a plastic trash can to be really useful to put my trash bags into, which just makes it easier to keep things clean.





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We know the climate in Boston can be super inconsistent throughout the year. Here are some helpful tips for what you might need to pack to navigate the Boston weather:

- **Winter Coats:** Boston winters can get chilly! If you're coming from a warmer climate, we definitely recommend getting your winter coat while in Boston; they're likely to have options better suited to a Boston winter.
- **Summer Clothes:** The summer heat often lasts through September and sometimes into October, so make sure you can stay cool!
- **Sweater Weather:** When the leaves turn orange in October and November, you may want to have a light layer to keep you warm!

Looking to find weather-appropriate clothing while in Boston? Check out the Goodwill located near West Campus or the Fenway Target!

### Get Connected

#### BU Sustainability

Dedicated to supporting the transformation of Boston University's planning, operations, and culture toward a sustainable and equitable future.

#### ZeeMee

Want to connect with other students before arriving on campus? Download ZeeMee, there's now a featured Boston University page frequently used by Orientation. Get to know incoming and current students!

### Academic Exploration

#### What Will I Need for Class?

As you're thinking about what to bring, it's also good to be aware of where and how you'll get materials you'll need for your classes.

On the first day of a class, the professor will typically share a syllabus, which is a schedule and guide for that course. It will tell you what the policies are for the course, what the topics will be each day, and what the assignments are and when they are due. The syllabus will also tell you any textbooks or materials that you will need for the course. Some course materials will be provided through the course's Blackboard site while others may need to be acquired through the BU Bookstore, online, or potentially through the BU Libraries.





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### Interactive Orientation

Here in the Orientation Office, we are huge fans of the NYT "Connections" game. We have made a Boston University-themed Connections, which you can [check out right here!](#)

How to Play:

- Connections is a game with 16 tiles in four groups based on a shared trait.
- To play, click on the four that you think go together. If you're right, you have to identify the next four, and if you're wrong, you have to try again.
- They are color-coded by difficulty! From easiest to hardest, it goes: Yellow, Green, Blue, Purple.



### Inside Orientation: What to Bring

#### Packing INs and OUTs

As you're packing, it's important to know what items are trending for living at BU and what items are sooooo last season (and not approved by ResLife)

#### IN

- ✓ Water Bottle: The coolest place on campus is always the water bottle filling stations
- ✓ Shower Shoes: Show your style and keep your feet clean
- ✓ Laundry Bag/Basket: Keeping your clothes fresh and clean
- ✓ Rain Jacket: Accessorize for the ever-changing weather!

#### OUT

- ✗ Candles: So 1300s, diffusers are all the rage these days
- ✗ Electric Blanket: Keep it retro with non-electric blankets
- ✗ Extension Cords: Choose a power strip with a surge protector instead
- ✗ Microwave: Who needs a microwave when you can rent a [MicroFridge from Housing!](#)



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