

WHAT to bring to the Manhattan as a New student

Welcome future Kansas State University W I L D C A T S !!!

As you plan for your exciting trip to the U.S. and look forward to the wonderful experiences you will have in Manhattan, we decided to give you a head start. These are some of things that incoming students struggle with and so here's a list that you may refer to in case you find yourself confused about what to bring and what not to. After all, how much of all that fun stuff can you fit in two suitcases.

Make sure to ask your airline how much luggage they will allow you bring in addition to the two large suitcases that should not be more than 70lbs / 35 Kg. Some allow 1 carry on bag and some allow 2.

Keep in mind that Manhattan is very unpredictable. So here goes:

- First of all PLEASE PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY ELECTRONIC ITEMS THAT YOU HAVE TO PLUG IN why! because the plug won't go into the socket (in simple terms) but in reality Pakistan uses 220 V here it's 110 V.
- Clothes:
It gets pretty hot during summer here in Manhattan.. It's a good idea to bring lots of T shirts, cotton shirts and jeans. In the winter it can get pretty cold (also snowfall) and so it's a good idea to bring a couple sweaters, warm pants and a good jacket. Bringing formal wear is up to you but do bring some shalwar kameez for some of the cultural events that may take place for Eid and stuff.
- Shoes:
Some casual some formal. Definitely bring some comfortable sandals or slippers because it's often too hot during the summer days to wear socks and sneakers.
- Toiletries:
Bring your makeup, shaving stuff, perfume / cologne, deodorant, special medicated lotions (if you have specific ones you already use), toothbrush, socks, undergarments, hair accessories, Contact lenses, contact lens care stuff. AVOID bringing things that would make your luggage excessively heavy, eg., shampoos, lotions, hair gels/ mousse, heavy bottles made of glass. These things are all available here and so it's better to just get them once you get here instead losing precious packing space that you can fill up with delectable goodies!

- Medicines:**
 Unless you have to take specific medication, avoid bringing too much., Once again everything is quite easily available. If you want feel free to bring lots of Panadol / Paracetamol, Actifed (Cough or Cold), Entox (for emergencies). Many people prefer it and are used to using these particular brands.
- Books:**
 Unless you plan to use the books or college notes as reference materials, all teachers will have their own selected course materials and so the books may be rarely used.
- Documents:**
 Bring a file of all your original documents from your birth certificate to your latest mark-sheet, You never know what you might need. Bring at least 2 copies of all major documents **ATTESTED**.
 Make sure to have your medical records eg. **VACCINATION CARD** (If possible) from when you were a baby so that you can avoid being poked and probed by the doctors.
 Make sure to have you I-20, admission letter and passport in an accessible place when you travel because you may have to show it at the airports that you are traveling (**DO NOT PUT IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS IN BAGS YOU HAVE CHECKED ONTO THE PLANE - KEEP THEM WITH YOU**). **AFTER** you get to Manhattan, make sure to make copies of you passport for emergency use.
 Don't forget to bring pictures of friends and family, phone numbers and email addresses, a jai-namaz, and any dua books you may want. You don't really need to bring a copy of the Quran, because the Islamic center of Manhattan has many that you can read in the masjid.
 You **DON'T** need to bring any stationery like registers, pens etc. It a useless waste of space and adds unnecessary weight to your luggage.
- Linens:**
 Bring 2 sets of Bed sheets and pillow covers, You will in most cases have a single bed. Also bring towels. You don't need to bring a pillow. You can buy them here at a cheap cost.