



# FRESHERS CHECKLIST

## Important things to do before you start university

- Arrange your accomodation
- Sort out your student finance
- Set up a student bank account
- Find out what is provided by student accomodation
- Purchase items you need to take with you (see page 2)
- Purchase a 16-25 railcard (free with some student bank accounts)
- Start working through your course's reading list
- Learn to cook
- Use this checklist

## Important documents to take with you

- Acceptance letter
- Details of accomodation and a copy of your accomodation contract
- Student finance / funding documents
- Proof of ID (passport, driver's license, national identity card)
- NI Number
- Bank details and recent correspondence
- Bank card
- Scholarship / Bursary documents
- Exam certificates
- Insurance documents
- Details of your home GP, vaccination history and current prescriptions
- Student Discount Cards (TOTUM, 16-25 railcard etc.)
- International Students also need: visa, travel documents, health insurance, birth certificate, funding documents

### Important things to do when you get to university

- Go to registration and get your student card
- Move in to your accommodation
- Make your accommodation feel homely
- Visit your university facilities (library, gym, student union etc.)
- Get a student bus pass (if you need one)
- Check out the local supermarket and stock up on snacks
- Register with your university's GP
- Print off your lecture schedule
- Attend the freshers fayre
- Sign up to societies and social events
- Go to your course inductions

### Things to pack for university

#### Kitchen Stuff

- Cutlery (spoons, knives and forks)
- Pots and pans (frying pan, sauce pan, wok)
- Cups (mugs, glasses)
- Plates and bowls
- Oven dishes and trays
- Can opener, bottle opener, corkscrew
- Chopping knife
- Chopping boards
- Vegetable peeler
- Cooking utensils (wooden spoon, whisk, spatula, grater, potato masher)
- Sandwich bags, aluminium foil, cling film

- Sieve/colander
- Food containers/tupperware
- Cooking/baking bowl
- Oven tray/dish
- Tea towels
- Oven gloves
- Washing-up liquid, sponges, dishcloths
- Kitchen towel
- Cupboard Ingredients (tea, coffee, sugar, seasonings)
- Surface cleaner

### Bathroom Stuff

- Bath towels and flannels
- Washbag
- Flip-flops (for communal showers)
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Body care (shower gel, body soap, hand soap, moisturiser/body cream)
- Face care (face wash, skincare products, make up)
- Hair products (shampoo, conditioner, combs, gel, moisturiser etc.)
- Hair (hair bands, bobby pins, butterfly clips)
- Nail kit (nail clippers, nail files, nail polish and remover)
- Deodorant / cologne / perfume
- Hair tools (hairdryer, straighteners, curlers, diffuser)
- Hair removal (shaving cream, hair removal cream, waxing strips, razors)
- Sanitary products
- Contraception
- Painkillers & first aid kit
- Personal essentials (i.e. medication/contact lens solution)

**Bedroom Stuff**

- Fitted sheets
- Duvet and duvet covers
- Pillow and pillow covers
- Blanket/throw
- Hangers
- Hot water bottle
- Loungewear (dressing gown, slippers, pyjamas)

**Clothing**

- Day Clothes
- "Going-Out" Clothes
- Underwear
- Shoes
- Gym wear
- Coats, jackets, rain coat
- Gloves, hats, scarves

**Electronics**

- Mobile phone
- Laptop/tablet
- Portable speakers
- Chargers (USB charger, portable charger)
- Batteries
- Earphones/headphones
- Extension cord
- International students might also need plug adapters and an international sim card

### Stationary

- Pens, pencils, highlighters, markers
- A4 or A5 writing pads
- Academic calendar/diary
- Pencil case
- Scissors, hole-puncher, stapler
- Textbooks and course specific items (i.e. calculator, sketchbook etc.)
- Folders/binders/files/plastic wallets
- Sticky notes, flashcards
- Blue/white tac, sticky tape
- Eraser, paper-clips, staples

### Miscellaneous Items

- Rucksack/Backpack
- Handbag
- Gym bag
- Religious text
- Padlock
- Umbrella
- Gym wear
- Iron
- Water bottle, thermoflask
- Pack of cards
- Cash
- Home keys

- Things you can buy when you get there
- Food items
- Snacks
- Toilet roll
- Cleaning products
- Bin bags
- Washing-up liquid
- Washing powder

**Important to remember:**

Most university accomodations don't allow you to use things like toasters, portable heaters, kettles candles or plug-in fairy lights due to fire hazards.