Common School Supplies for College Students

1. **Backpack or Messenger Bag**- Some of your books are very large and you will want something to store them in throughout the day.
2. **Planner**- Essential for planning and organizing.
3. **Graphing Calculator**- Calculators will be used in Math classes and several of your science classes.
4. **Ruler**- Rulers run about $.50 to a $1 and will come in handy for your math and science classes and they are great tools for drawing.
5. **College Ruled Notebooks**- You will be able to get more information on a page in a college ruled notebook. Some students purchase a notebook for each class.
6. **Pens, Pencils, and Pencil bags**- Nothing is worse than taking notes at the speed of lightening and running out of ink or breaking a pencil. Always have an extra supply of each and something to store them in. If you like using wooden pencils instead of mechanical pencils make sure you have a pencil sharpener handy.
7. **Three Ring Binders and Folders**- Most students purchase a large binder to store all folders (usually one for each class) and extra notebook paper in. Binders and folders will help you stay organized and help with remembering assignments.
8. **Highlighters and Colored Post It Tabs**- College textbooks are filled with an extraordinary amount of information. Although you are capable of writing everything down, it is much easier to use a highlighter or tab to identify important information that you may want to review later.
9. **Stapler (small) with staples**- College is not High School. Don’t expect your classroom or faculty members to have extra organizational supplies.
11. **Tape**- You never know when you will need a piece of scotch tape. It is very convenient when you get those inconvenient tears in your assignments right before their due.
12. **Index Cards**- These things can be used for many things, but most importantly, use index cards for making flash cards.
13. **Computer (PC or laptop)**- A PC or laptop is great to have for a variety of different reasons. You can conduct research, complete your assignments, stay connected with your family and friends and even enjoy your favorite movies on your PC or laptop. Keep in mind that if you have a laptop, you will also probably want to purchase an Ethernet cord. Some campus housing facilities are not wifi.
14. **Lunch Bag**- Face it, you don’t have a scheduled lunch like you did in High School. You can visit the local fast food joints all over campus, but that can get expensive. Having a lunch bag is convenient and affordable for those quick morning or afternoon snacks between classes.
15. **Water Bottle**- It is easy to go to the vending machine down the hall, but what if you don’t have time or your short on change?