What to Bring

Attire and Clothes to Wear for DC-Area Weather

DC weather tends to fluctuate. If you live anywhere between New England and Virginia, the seasons are generally similar, with temperatures generally a few degrees warmer or cooler. If you are not from that region of the U.S., you should know that daytime temperatures in August will have highs in the 80s (all temperatures in Fahrenheit) and 90s, with nights in the 50s and 60s. Also, as you head into your final month here, winter sneaks in and highs are in the 40s with lows in the 20s and 30s.

You'll also need to come prepared for formal events, interviews, and your internship. The dress code will vary greatly depending on where you choose to intern, but there are some general dress concepts to keep in mind. A simple breakdown of business and business casual attire for men and women can be found on our Career Center's website: www.american.edu/careercenter/Professional-Image.cfm.

Living Essentials for the Dorm

You should bring bed linens, mattress pad, blankets, pillows, towels, toiletries, laptop computer. Since the Berkshire Apartments have full kitchens and bathrooms, you will want to add the appropriate additional items to your packing list, including kitchen/dishware, shower curtains, desk and/or floor lamps.

For a complete list of "What to Bring," please see www.american.edu/ocl/housing/whattobring.cfm

What to Buy on Arrival

As you settle in to DC, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional items that may be useful to you during the semester, but perhaps difficult to bring unless you are driving here or shipping a box to yourself.

Previous students have found the following items useful during their temporary stay (they will not be provided by university-affiliated housing): detergent, laundry basket, iron/ironing board, clothes hangers, trash can, shower curtain,* dishes,* cutlery,* lamp, fan, television/DVD player, speakers
***These items must be purchased if you are living in The Berkshires.**

What to NOT to Bring

Certain items are not allowed on campus or campus affiliated housing: halogen lamps, grills (including George Foreman grills), open-coil appliances, waterbeds, steam vaporizers, multiple extension cords.

Certain items may only be used in the designated cooking areas or kitchens: coffee makers, hot pots, microwaves, popcorn poppers, rice cookers.

For a full list of what not to bring, please see www.american.edu/ocl/housing/whattobring.cfm

Shipping Pre-Arrival

Some students find that shipping baggage to campus is easier than bringing it with them. If you plan to do this, ship baggage to **arrive at your apartment after you do.** Students at the Berkshire Apartments can look up their assignment at myau.american.edu by clicking on "Life@AU" then "University Housing Assignment" and skipping ahead to Fall 2014. If you have been assigned to Leonard Housing, you will receive your apartment address via e-mail, but you will be able to view your roommate information on the myau portal through the "University Housing Assignment" link.

Berkshire Apartment Address
(*Name*)
4201 Massachusetts Ave NW
(*Apt. #*)
Washington, DC 20016

Leonard Hall Address
(*Name*)
4400 Massachusetts Ave NW
(*Apt. #*)
Washington, DC 20016

If you forget to bring a necessary item, or wish to wait until your arrival to purchase some items, you can easily access the hardware and convenience stores near campus, in addition to the Container Store and Best Buy. Or you can take public transport to other area stores such as Target in Columbia Heights or World Market in Friendship Heights.