

Welcome Class of 2015 & New Students!

**Here is an exhaustive list of everything you might need while at Miami that no one tells you, there are also dining hall recommendations, places to hang out, and ways to meet people!
(if you need more info check out bridgeoxford.com)**

- Bed-raisers (convenient when you don't want to do laundry and it's piling up really high. You can let it go longer, while still hiding it under your bed...)
- Bedding (twin XL)
- Clothes (enough underwear to go a few weeks without doing laundry...)
- Comfy pillows to line against the wall on your bed
- Under-the-bed storage
- Blankets (indoor and outdoor-for laying out in the quad)
- Shoe storage (tub, closet hanger)
- Hangers
- Snack container
- Microwave
- Dust buster/vacuum (if you think you have room...)
- Carpet/rug
- Dishes, lots of silverware (rooms tend to eat them...)
- Baking stuff
- Food
 - Hot chocolate, Ramen, chips, easymac, breakfast stuff—granola bars, cereal, etc.—, gum, peanut butter, crackers, popcorn, waters, pop, and any other favorite snacks.
 - Brita Filter, nalgene bottle
 - Snack bag clips
- Sticky tack/poster hangers that come off of walls easily
- Pens, pencils, erasers, stapler, 3-hole punch, rubber bands, paper clips, highlighters, post-its, markers, colored pencils, crayons, tape, scissors, binders, notebooks, folders, backpack/bag, pen/supply organizer, personal planner/Miami memo, laptop
 - For girls- Vera Bradley wallet/pouch-ish thing (something to hold I.D. and money, etc.)
- Coloring books (of course!)
- Fan
- Bed Lamp
- Picture frames
- Pictures/Posters on walls
- Storage systems
- TV, DVD players, VCR (old movies on VHS are the best!), DVDs
- Laundry detergent, laundry basket (sturdy, plastic baskets tend to be more functional), dryer sheets, stain remover, fabric softener (if you so choose).
 - Lots of quarters to pay for laundry (unless you put money on MULAA—which is way easier)
- Winter coat, gloves, scarves, hats, boots, stuff to play in the snow.
- Extension cords, chargers, power strips, computer, phone, camera, iPod
- Full length mirror
- Tissues, napkins
- Nail polish, jewelry
- Rain boots, umbrella
- Tylenol, Ibuprofen, allergy medicine, etc.
- First aid kits
- Games, cards (apples to apples, etc.)
- Clorox wipes, windex, febreze
- Make-up
- Rugs/carpet

- Multiple towels, hand towels, shower shoes, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, loofah, shower caddy, toothpaste/toothbrush, face wash, contact solution, hair spray
- Blank cds
- Stuff to do outside –soccer ball, volleyball, football, Frisbee, etc.
- Mattress covers, toppers, etc.
- Campus map
- Swimsuits
- Dress clothes
- Blow dryer, straightener, curling iron, hair bands, hats
- Glasses/contacts
- Storage box with extras of toiletries, etc. so you don't have to run to the store/Shriver right away.
- Lap desk
- Nap mat/inflatable mattress for overnight visitors
- Overnight bag for trips, coming home, etc.
- Bed-side caddy, bed-side table

What Freshman should know:

- Print out a smaller campus map to use the first few weeks (so you don't have to pull out a giant map when/if you're lost)
 - Maps are also in Miami Memos if you purchase one.
 - Distances are often disproportionate
- Make sure you know your name, hometown, major, favorites, interests, etc. for meeting people and expect to say them a lot.
- Get used to icebreakers—they dwindle after around a month.
- Don't wear lanyards around your neck
- Best places to eat in Oxford...
 - For a good price: Bagel & Deli, Pita Pit, Skyline (some people beg to differ...)
 - Regardless of price: 45 East, Wild Bistro (Chinese restaurant)
- Best places to study:
 - Kofenya-uptown, residence hall basements, King Library, Engineering building
- Dining Halls
 - Shriver –
 - Best things to eat late at night: Mozzarella sticks, waffle fries
 - Make their breakfast sandwiches any hour of the day.
 - Clinton – grilled cheese with pizza in the middle (there are other variations as well: King James, etc.)
 - Toasted Roll—every Miami student needs to try at least one.
 - Tuffy's is around the corner, they have delicious smoothies and ice cream, as well as toasted rolls!
 - Third floor is a good place to study or meet with people.
 - Between 11:30-12:30, Haines Foodcourt doesn't take meal plans—go to Spring Street market in Shriver instead.
 - Bell Tower
 - Lots of options
 - Really good location
 - Can eat outside
 - Good smoothies
 - Bakery stuff is awesome.
 - Maccraken market is the best market on campus.
 - Attached to Maccraken hall (behind Scott—near MET quad and South quads!)
 - Scott dining hall
 - Has two sides: Hot Scott and Cold Scott.

- Hot Scott: Toasted subs, pizza, stir fry (yum :D), mashed potato bowls, pasta, cheesy bread
- Cold Scott: deli sandwiches, salad, fruit, pretzels, smoothies (really good), burritos, quesadillas
- Buffet Style →
 - Alexander
 - On Western Campus
 - The most vegetarian options on campus
 - Really good for brunch!
 - International options
 - Harris
 - South quad
 - Frozen yogurt!
 - A lot of kids like it because of family-atmosphere
 - Martin
 - North quad
 - Cool market downstairs
 - Erickson
 - DELICIOUS
 - Their pizzas are the best on campus
 - Wide variety of options for buffet style.
- King Café – Starbucks! Sandwiches, etc.
- Hydrations – in the REC
- Dividends – Farmer’s School of Business
- Good things to do during study breaks:
 - Read your *Bible*
 - Feed facebook/twitter addiction (Become a Bridge Church fan on facebook!)
 - Read another book, almost as awesome as the *Bible* (i.e. Crazy Love or any other book of your choice)
 - Meet with friends uptown, at Shriver, in your hall, etc.
 - Go to the REC
 - Play ultimate
 - Hang out at the Bridge House! (505 E. Chesnut)
 - Watch a movie/TV –can also be done *while* doing homework
 - Get a snack
 - Color! Be creative... arts and crafts time :D
 - Listen to music – again can also be done doing homework.
- Get involved in a community group at the Bridge!
- You don’t have to go uptown every weekend to have fun (It’s a lot easier to build quality friendships outside of going uptown)
- Don’t expect a solid 8 hours of sleep every night –learn to love naps!
- Room sizes vary—be flexible!
- Be open to changing your major, research other majors to understand options/opportunities
- Take advantage of extracurriculars—get involved!
- You won’t be alone if you don’t rush
- The buses won’t wait on you, make sure you learn the bus schedules!
- Walk your schedule/at least find where your classes are before your classes begin.
- Bachelor hall may be the most confusing building on campus—perhaps ask your RA or any Bridge member to help explain it ☺
- Upham can often be confusing too.
- Expect blisters, be prepared to walk—you’ll get used to it eventually!
- Beware of the freshman 15—you’re not alone!
- Miami Hockey is where it’s at
 - There are a ton of cheers that are coordinated (you can find them on youtube...)

- Learn the words to the fight song
- Play intramurals—especially broomball!
- There are people who know you don't have to drink to have fun
 - There are lots of things to do on weekends: Goggin ice skating, After Dark sponsored activities (they play movies at Shriver that haven't been released on DVD yet), corridor activities, watching movies with friends, the Bridge House, late night walks, The Princess theatres, You're Fired (painting pottery), Kofenya's open late, road trips to Cincinnati (For car-less freshman → become friends with people of have cars).
- There are Chase and 5/3 bank ATMs in Shriver, and a PNC ATM in Goggin.
- From North to South on campus it is about a 20 minute walk at campus.
- Western campus is gorgeous and looks nothing like the rest of campus (although Miami's campus in general is gorgeous too!)
- Take shortcuts when walking on campus (cut through quads, etc.)
- For convenience, buy textbooks at Dubois, Follets, or the Miami bookstore (all a little more expensive). For cheaper books, buy them on Amazon, chegg.com, etc.
- Tutoring options:
 - Rinella tutors
 - Counseling center
 - Career office

Ways to meet friends/connect with people:

- Come to Bridge Church services on Sundays at 6 (in SES Chapel across from Shriver)
- Join a community group
- Go to Mega-Fair
- Talk to people in your hall/corridor and in your classes.
- Start pick-up games (ultimate, basketball, soccer, etc.)
- Don't be afraid to introduce yourself to people
- Get used to icebreakers—be creative!
 - Ask questions outside of the norm
- Utilize campus/hall meet-and-greet activities