

Item List and Guidelines

Like every items list, there are some points you should keep in mind while going for shopping.

- Please give first priority to the baggage limits given by the airline that you are using to come to Germany. Try your best to get maximum baggage limits from your Travel agents and give priority to the items of basic necessity to avoid last minute tension and unnecessary expenditure.
- It would be good if you could get a weight machine from somewhere so that u could check the weight precisely while you are packing all stuff and before you are leaving for the airport.
- This list hopefully indicates most of the items that you may be in immediate requirement for the first few weeks until you settle down well in Germany. Sort of guideline to help you to pick and choose the necessary things.
- We have also provided the names of some key shopping spots with respect to the Karachi city. If you are coming from some other city then please ask someone from your city who is already here.
- A/R = As required



1. Clothing:

Item	Quantity	Checked
Jeans pants	6	
Shirts (full sleeve)	3	
Shirts (half sleeve)	2	
T-shirts	5	
Formal shirt, pant n tie (for presentation etc.)	1/Upto you	
Shalwar Qameez (a white pair, or one which u love to wear for events like Eid day etc.)	2/Upto you	
Banyaan (sleeveless/ with sleeve....upto u)	6	
Underwear	10	
Shorts	2	
Cotton Socks	5	
Woolen Socks	5	
Sports trousers	1/upto you	
Leather belts	3	
Bed sheets plus pillow cover	2	
Towels	3	
Gloves (woolen or leather)	2	
Cap (that covers ears)	2	
Cap (P -Cap, if u wear frequently)	1/upto u	
Heavy jacket (water proof/parachute made)...	1	
Wind Breaker (Light Parachute jacket)	1	
Full Sleeves Sweater	1/upto u	
Half sleeve sweater	1	
Thermal inners (upper n lower, very imp)	2	
Upper	1/Upto u	
Muffler	2	
Shopping Spots : I think the best place to get jeans, shirts, T-shirts etc. would be Tariq Road/Dolman centre. For getting Shorts, u can go to Zainab Market. All the winter season kit u can find at Light house (Kamil Usmani Garments...not Usmania Garments)		

2. Footwear:

Item	Quantity	Checked
Joggers (with good grip)	2	
Boots (very good quality, thick reliable soul)	1	
Chappal (Leather)	1	
Shopping Spots : For shoes Light house will be the best location		



3. Utensils/Kitchen Stuff :

Item	Quantity	Checked
Frying Pan (good quality, medium size, if possible with cover)	1	
Aluminum Pateeli (small, with cover)	1	
Plates (good quality, plastic-made)	3	
Cooking Spoons (good quality, plastic made)	2	
Spoon	2	
Knife (to cut vegetables etc....sharp, good quality)	1	
Fork	2	
Tea Cup/Mug (big/good quality, if possible of good quality plastic)	1	
Tea Strainer/ channii (plastic)	1	
Water glass (steel/plastic)	1	
Peeler	1	

4. Cosmetics/Daily use items:

Item	Quantity	Checked
Perfume, Deodorant, hair oil, cold cream, tooth paste/brush, shampoo, bath soap, shave kit	Upto You	
Nail cutter (good quality)	1	
Comb/Hair brush	1	
Needle + Thread	1	
Hangers (plastic)	5	
Glasses (eyesight) very imp/too costly here...bring at least 1 extra	2/Upto You	

5. Stationery/Studies related Items:

Item	Quantity	Checked
College notebooks	1	
Ballpoints (blue, black mix), markers, highlighters	1 packet	
Stapler + pins	1 + 1 Packet	
Double punch (good quality)	1	
Cello and tape roll	1+1	
Calculator (Very Important and only Scientific)	1	
Geometry Box (Only for MS Electric Power Students)	1	

6. Bags:

Item	Quantity	Checked
Big suitcase (good quality one which can hold from 30-40 Kg)	1	
Hand-carry (good quality...one which can hold from 8-10 Kg)	1	
Wallet (one that can also contain coins)	1	
College bag (back pack...good quality and max. possible space best)	1	



6. Prayers related /Religious Items:

Item	Quantity	Checked
Jai Namaz	1	
Quran-e-Pak (with tarjuma)...small/compact size...	1	
Topi (used while offering prayers)	1	
Device/compass to tell Qibla direction	Upto You	

7. Books etc.

Item	Quantity	Checked
German language dictionary (eng-german & german-eng) coz it will be very useful during your entire stay here)	1	
Your Course books/ Programming books	Upto you	

8. Money/Cash:

Cash money (100 to 300 €, of course your bank accounts r already here, so no need to bring too much cash)...but bring at least 100 € for your initial traveling, food etc. expenses

9. Documents:

Item	Quantity	Checked
One attested set of all your imp educational documents (same international attestation)	Upto you	
International driving license (You can drive cars using this upto 6 months after your arrival here so if you want to enjoy German cars and highways then get it)	Upto you	
E-Codes list printout(available on website)		
Deutsche Bank statement/certificate (Very Important)		
Your all educational and personal documents		

10. Medicines:

Bring all imp medicines which you think you use frequently or are important as you think e.g johar joshanda, disprine, paracetamol Upto you

11. Miscellaneous Items:

Item	Quantity	Checked
Passport size photos + negative (very imp ...too costly here)	10 to 16	
Umbrella/Rain Coat (very very imp ... for umbrella : bring one that can be folded in compact form so that it can be put in backpack)	1	
Also bring Electric Extensions (German standard) (very imp)	1	

About Blanket/Razai/Quilt--- Its recommended not to bring any sort of Blanket or razai coz it takes lot of weight as well as space and is quite difficult to deal with while packing all stuff...you can buy it from here

12. Other things to do:

- Get all your documents photocopied, including your passport and given visa and ID card (one set) and leave that set at your home as you will bring all original documents here
- Get hair cut, if possible get least possible hair on your head as it costs at least 9 € for a single sitting here
- Keep this items list with you...mark a final check on the items list when placing items into the bags. It would be good to bring this list with you here.
- Make sure that someone is coming to receive you on Düsseldorf airport...In a brand new country and on the very first day, it's quite difficult to understand things. Even going from Düsseldorf to Aachen main railway station can be quite problematic. So make a proper contact via email with the guy who is going to receive you...send him your accurate flight number and time of arrival at Düsseldorf airport...also get his/her mobile phone number (very imp)...drop a short email on PSA-RWTH yahoo group about your arrival details as well
- If due to some reason, no one is there to receive you (although he said to come) when u have come out of the airport then don't panic at all. Wait for 10 to 15 minutes...if its still the same then its time to drop a call at that guy's mobile phone...u will definitely find some phone booths nearby u but they operate with coins (1 €, 2€, 50 cents)...as u would have no coins with u when u land here so go to some shop, get a drink bottle etc. and u will get changed money...so drop a call to that guy and find what's going on there...take gr8 care of all your luggage during this process
- About pirated CDs...it's a bit risky, as always....so take care of this...if possible, ask someone who has recently come to Germany...else its upto you again....keep CDs in big suitcase...where to hide out them...again an art...so use your skills
- When you are done with packing and when all the stuff is there in the suitcase and hand carry bag, try to fix a label, especially on the suitcase as hand carry will be with you all the time. Make a label like following:

YOUR NAME KARACHI-DUBAI-DÜSSELDORF (or whatever your route is)

- Write the label in big bold alphabets and fix the label (with tape etc.) at some appropriate place, so that u can recognize your suitcase from far away while collecting your baggage at airport in Germany. Get a similar label on hand carry as well if possible.
- Keep the very imp documents (like RWTH admission letter, Your bank account certificate, your educational docs) in a single file and keep this file on the very top side of your hand carry. So if you are being questioned at the immigration department or at any other stage of your trip then u can show the documents easily it wont take too much time to get those docs out of the hand carry
- Don't place the heavy jacket in your suitcase; instead keep it with you on your hand when you are leaving for airport like you are going to wear it.
- If you are bringing Quran Majeed with you then keep it in your hand carry bag.
- Place all sharp items (scissors, blades, razor, knife etc.) in your big bag and not in hand carry to avoid any problems when your luggage is scanned at airport.
- After you are done with packing of both bags, it would be great if you could check the weight of the 2 bags by using some weight machine