

# Checklist for packing

## Checked baggage

### ☐ Miscellaneous items

- ☐ Copies of certificates and documents (originals in cabin baggage)
- ☐ Books – light reading or textbooks
- ☐ Medical history file
- ☐ One pair chappals
- ☐ 1 or 2 towels
- ☐ 2 sets of bed sheets, pillow covers, etc. (beds at RGA/RVA are full size: 54in x 75in)
- ☐ Umbrella
- ☐ Blanket
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Toothbrushes, Razors, etc.
- ☐ Comb, Nail cutter, etc.
- ☐ CDs/mp3s of music of your choice
- ☐ Spices, other food items, such as pickles, sweets, etc. (must be sealed completely)
- ☐ Spare set of glasses, contact lenses, contact lens solution, etc.
- ☐ School bag to take to classes

### ☐ Clothes

- ☐ Undergarments
- ☐ Socks
- ☐ Handkerchiefs
- ☐ Jacket
- ☐ Extra woolen sweater
- ☐ Swimwear
- ☐ Clothes for daily wear (jeans, T-shirts, etc.)
- ☐ Formal wear (at least 1 set, for presentations, conferences, etc.)
- ☐ Indian clothes for special occasions

### ☐ Shoes

- ☐ Men: Consider bringing a pair of leather shoes from India. Other types of shoes are not too expensive in the US
- ☐ Women: Nice shoes (heels) can be expensive in the US. Consider bringing some nice shoes from India if you want them.

### ☐ Cooking utensils

- ☐ 3-4 plates
- ☐ Bowls
- ☐ Knives, forks, spoons
- ☐ Ladles for serving

- ☐ Knife for cutting vegetables, etc. (A good sharp knife is ludicrously expensive in US)
- ☐ Frying pan/tava
- ☐ Pressure cooker
- ☐ Tongs
- ☐ Rolling pin
- ☐ Kadaï
- ☐ 2-3 storage containers
- ☐ Tumblers for water/beverages

## **Cabin baggage**

- ☐ Important documents
  - ☐ Passport
  - ☐ I-20 form
  - ☐ Financial documents (CA certificate, bank statements)
  - ☐ Admission letter
  - ☐ Affidavit from sponsor
  - ☐ College/school grade sheets and related certificates
- ☐ First aid medicines (for headache, nausea, fever, etc.)
- ☐ Reading material (novel/magazines/eReader for the flight or layover)
- ☐ Address book/phone book
  - ☐ Phone number for OISS (Office of International Students and Scholars)
  - ☐ Phone number for the individual who is meeting you at the airport
  - ☐ Your address in the US (needed for I-94 form)
- ☐ Copies of your photograph (passport size)
- ☐ 1 or 2 sets of clothes, in case checked baggage is misplaced
- ☐ Cash/travelers' checks

## **Things to leave with your family**

- ☐ Your address in the USA
- ☐ Phone numbers where you can be reached
- ☐ Phone number for OISS (Office of International Students and Scholars)
- ☐ Copies of all your important documents
- ☐ Copies of all relevant parts of medical history file
- ☐ Consider leaving a few blank signed papers so that your family can be authorized to look after anything on your behalf