

# 15 essential school supplies for college

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**1) Adhesive page markers.** Marking your **textbooks** with **adhesive page markers** will make your studying efforts much more efficient. Use different colors to indicate certain topic points for easy reference.

**2) Backpack/Messenger bag/Rucksack.** ...to carry all of your textbooks and your laptop across campus.

**3) Binders/Folders/Notebooks.** Obtain a **binder** or **folder** for each course for better organization.

**4) Calculator.** If you will be taking advanced math and science courses, you may need a **graphing calculator**. Otherwise, a **scientific calculator** should suffice (you'll need to take at least 1 math and 1 science).

**5) Highlighters.** ...To make the most essential information in your textbooks and notes stand out.

**6) Hole punch.** You will need a **hole punch** for any worksheets that professors hand out. File these worksheets in binders in an organized manner to enhance your studying efforts.

**7) Index cards.** Studying with **index cards** is a great way to learn material. Writing subject matter on index cards will help you better retain information, and the cards are easy to take on the go to use as flashcards.

**8) Laptop/printer.** Buffalo State does not require students to have **laptops**, and you will have access to your school's computer lab, but the convenience of having your own will make the cost worthwhile.

**9) Pens/pencils.** Purchase pens in black, blue, and red ink and be sure to obtain No. 2 pencils for scanner test sheets.

**10) Printer paper.** You will be writing a lot of essays in college so be sure to stock up on **printer paper**.

**11) Scissors/tape.** You may need these for a class project- be ready!

**12) Stapler.** Carry a **mini stapler** in your backpack. Some teachers will not accept multiple page assignments if the pages are not stapled! (Use paperclips in a pinch)

**13) Student planner.** From test dates to group meetings to extracurricular activities, your schedule will surely be packed. A **student planner** is crucial for **time management** and will help keep you on top of your busy college calendar.

**14) Flash drive.** Maintain physical custody and security of your files without the need of internet access to retrieve your files.

**15) Paperclips.** So many uses! Vital for organization too.

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