

New Cadet Packing List

CLOTHING

- o 1 Pair Dress shoes, brown (i.e. [oxfords](#))
- o 1 Each Belt, brown
- o 1 Each Belt, black
- o 2 Pair Khaki trousers, tan (Docker-style. No cargo pockets. Tan khaki.)
- o 6 Pair Dress socks, black
- o 12 Pair Boot socks, black, mid-calf or higher
- o 12 Pair Athletic socks, white, no logos or color showing, cover ankle (btwn half calf and ankle)
- o 12 Pair Underwear (at least 3 must be white or nude colored)
- o 3 Pair Underwear, black (Only Air Force ROTC)
- o 12 Each T-shirts, white, V-neck
- o 3 Each T-shirts, any color (for personal physical fitness)
- o 3 Pair Shorts (for personal physical fitness)
- o 1 Pair Shoes, athletic/running
- o 2 Sets Sleepwear/pajamas (personal preference)
- o 1 Each Wrist watch, professional in style (conservative black band)
- o 1to2 Sets Civilian clothing for travel on pass/leave
- o 1 Pair Low quarters, leather, black (issued during orientation from Tailor Shop)
- o 1 Pair Boots, leather, tan (issued during orientation from Tailor Shop)
- o 1 Each Swimsuit

PERSONAL HYGIENE

- o 1 Each Toothbrush
- o 1 Each Toothpaste
- o 1 Each Floss
- o 1 Bottle Shampoo/conditioner
- o 1 Bar/Bottle Body wash/soap

PERSONAL HYGIENE

- o 1 Each Emergency self-care bag, optional
- o 1 Pair Shower shoes
- o 1 Each Deodorant
- o 1 Each Lotion
- o 1 Each Lip balm
- o 1 Each Desired personal hygiene products not listed

EMERGENCY SELF-CARE BAG (optional, as recommended by Schieffert Health Center)

- o 1 Copy Home doctor and dentist contact information
- o 1 Copy Insurance card
- o 1 Each Prescription and dose of EpiPen (if applicable)
- o 1 Supply Contacts, case, solution, and extra glasses (if applicable)
- o 1 Supply 4-5 months of long-term medications, with prescription
- o 1 Supply Other personal medications, with prescription (if applicable)
- o 1 Tube Antibiotic ointment/cream
- o 1 Box Bandages/gauze pads
- o 1 Bottle Antacid
- o 1 Bottle Benadryl
- o 1 Each Digital thermometer
- o 1 Bottle Acetaminophen
- o 1 Each Bug bite remedies
- o 1 Each Antiseptic
- o 1 Bottle Cough syrup and/or lozenges
- o 1 Package Cold medicine
- o 1 Set Manicure Set (tweezers, nail clipper, etc.)
- o 1 Bottle Sunscreen

ROOM

- o 1 Each Pillow, white
- o 12 Each Hangers, heavy-duty (metal or wooden)
- o 2 Set White twin sheets (fitted, flat, and a pillowcase), regular length, NOT extra long
- o 2 Set White towels (bath, hand, and washcloth)
- o 1 Each Blanket, comforter, or sleeping bag (any color/type)
- o 1 Each Surge protector with 9' to 12' cord
- o 1 Each Small, desk-side wastebasket, with bags (no more than 13 gallons)
- o 1 to 2 Each Large storage bins/containers (lightweight, any color, stored on top of wardrobes)
- o 1 Each Desk lamp (not halogen)
- o 1 to 2 Sets Plates, bowls, utensils, mugs (microwaveable)
- o 1 Each Plain alarm clock (no radio/CD/iPod connections)
- o 1 Each Small water pitcher or water bottle (optional)

PROFESSIONAL MATERIALS

- o 1 Each Computer (see compreq.vt.edu for specifications by major)
- o 1 Each Printer, Printer ink
- o 1 Each Black backpack, small or no visible logo
- o 1 to 2 Each Printer paper
- o 1 to 2 Each USB drive
- o 1 Set Software (Incoming Undergraduate Software Bundle and other college specific requirements)
- o 1 Set General school supplies (notebooks, binders, folders, pens, pencils, highlighters, calculator, stapler, scissors, etc)

CLEANING SUPPLIES

- o 1 Kit Shoe shine kit (polish, brush, etc)
- o 1 Each Hand soap (with dish if bar)
- o 1 Each Sponge
- o 1 Each Old toothbrush (for shoes)
- o 1 Set Dusting (Pledge, rags, Swiffer, etc.)

CLEANING SUPPLIES, cont.

- o 1 Each White laundry bag
- o 1 Bottle Laundry detergent (softener if desired)
- o 1 Bottle Laundry stain remover
- o 1 Each Iron
- o 1 Each Ironing board, full size (may coordinate with roommate(s) for only one per room, if desired)
- o 1 Bottle Ironing starch (i.e. Faultless Heavy Starch)
- o 1 Set Q-tips and cotton rags
- o 1 Each Portable stain remover (i.e. Tide to Go Pen)
- o 1 Bottle Multi-surface cleaner
- o 1 Bottle Dish soap
- o 1 Bottle Window/glass cleaner
- o 1 Bottle Edge dressing (optional)
- o 1 Broom Sweeping Broom (may also opt for an additional Swiffer WetJet + pads)

ALL CADETS

"All Cadets" Items are sold together in a "Cadet Box" through the VT Bookstore. It is optional to purchase the box from the VT Bookstore.

- o 1 Can Shoe polish, black (Kiwi brand will be in the box)
- o 1 Kit First Aid Kit, basic
- o 1 Each Dry erase marker, fine, black (optional)
- o 1 Each Dry erase marker, chisel, black (optional)
- o 1 Each Dry erase eraser (optional)
- o 1 Bottle Dry erase cleaning spray (optional)
- o 1 Kit Sewing kit
- o 1 Each Mini lint roller
- o 1 Each China marker/grease pen
- o 1 Bottle Brasso (Mothers is a popular brand, too)
- o 1 Each Bic mini lighter

ALL CADETS, cont.

- o 2 Each Pen, retractable, black
- o 1 Each Umbrella, black
- o 1 Each Memo (fit in pocket) notebook, black, waterproof
- o 1 Box Q-tips
- o 1 Bag Cotton balls
- o 1 Each Brush, shoe shine
- o 1 Pack 3 x 5 index cards, ruled
- o 1 Pack Safety pins
- o 1 Each Corps of Cadets Camelbak water bottle
- o 1 Each Marker, permanent, black
- o 1 Pack 3 x 3 Post-it-notes, yellow
- o 1 Each 5" pointed scissors
- o 1 Set Shirt stays
- o 3 Sheets Hat plastic (available individually at VT Bookstore, or in Cadet Box sold at VT Bookstore)
- o 1 Package Dr. Scholl's mole foam/moleskin
- o 1 Each Storage box, cardboard (box that the kit comes in)
- o 1 Each Cloth, microfiber
- o 2 Rolls White/Light Tan Masking Tape (1.88" x 30 yds)
- o 1 Bottle Baby Powder
- o 1 Each Pool Noodle (optional, any color)

FEMALES

- o 1 Kit Hair supplies for bun and ponytail, matching hair color (ties, pins, barrettes, spray, gel, etc.)
- o 7 Each Sports bra, white
- o 2 Each Nylons, skin-tone
- o 1 Supply Feminine hygiene products
- o 1 Pair 1/8" gold, silver, or pearl ball earrings (optional)

FEMALES, cont.

- o 1 Set Dress clothing for religious services (optional; required for VPI BN)
- o 3 Each Compression shorts, black (optional)
- o 1 Each Plain, black purse (optional)
- o 1 Set Cosmetics, skin-tone, conservative (optional)

MALES

- o 1 Each Razor, disposable (package of 10 or more for razors or replacement heads)
- o 1 Bottle Shaving cream
- o 1 Each Sport coat and tie for religious services (optional; required for Citizen-Leader Track)
- o 3 Each Compression shorts, black (optional)

SHARE WITH ROOMMATE(S)

- o 1 Each Refrigerator (no more than 4.5cu.ft., 120 Volts, 2 amps)
- o 1 Each Microwave (less than 1000 watts)

Items Not Authorized

The decor of a cadet's room is limited within the privileges of each class. First-year cadets are not allowed to move furniture or add significant items to the room. Specific items that first-year cadets are NOT authorized include, but are not limited to:

- ▶ A desk chair (other than the chair provided by the university)
- ▶ Colored towels
- ▶ Posters
- ▶ Floor lamps
- ▶ A personal bathrobe (other than the robe issued by the Tailor Shop)
- ▶ Rugs
- ▶ Colored sheets
- ▶ Alarm clocks that play music
- ▶ Curtains
- ▶ Extension cords
- ▶ Televisions

Packing List FAQs

Clothing



- ▶ Dress Shoes, Brown (with laces)
- ▶ Belt, Brown
- ▶ Belt, Black
- ▶ Khaki Trousers, Tan (must have belt loops)

Worn with "Hokie Bag" Uniform, the maroon polo is issued. Common brands for the khaki trousers: Dockers, GAP, Land's End, J Crew, Department stores
Tan/Sand khaki (no green khaki). Common brands for oxfords are L.L. Bean, Eastland, Bostonian, Nordstroms, etc.

- ▶ Dress Socks, Black (mid-calf)
- ▶ Boot Socks, Black (mid-calf to knee)

Worn regularly with cadet uniforms. Brand does not matter. Hiking, work, and box stores, as well as online retailers all carry boot socks.



- ▶ Athletic Socks, White

Worn with Corps/ROTC physical fitness uniforms, color on the toe or heel is fine, as long as the visible part of the sock above the shoe is all white and free from logos or colors. No calf or no-show socks. Goal is ankle socks.



► **Underwear, at least 3 must be white or nude colored** White, beige, or nude color underwear are worn under the issued uniform white dress pants. Underwear can be of any style (boxers, briefs, etc.) Bands can be any color. Females do not need male underwear.



► **Shoes, athletic/running** Must fit well to reduce blisters, no restrictions on color.



► **Wristwatch, professional with black band** After New Cadet Week, a wristwatch is a must for all cadets to be on time. It can be athletic, metal, or leather band, but the band must be black and the watch conservative.



► **Shower Shoes** Showers are shared by many cadets in a hallway, so shower shoes are a must.



Room

► **Linens** Towels and sheets must be white with no pattern or distinctive markings. Regular twin sheets fit all Corps beds. Cadets prefer the snug fit of regular twin sheets to make it easier to prepare their beds for inspections.

► **Blanket, comforter, or sleeping bag** A VTCC blanket will be issued to cadets, but many cadets avoid having to re-make their beds every day by sleeping on top of their made bed with a comforter or sleeping bag. Additional bedding will have to be stored away during the day, so be cautious of extra bulk.

► **Surge Protector with 9' to 12' cord** VT does not allow for extension cords, so the longer the cord the better

► **Small, desk-side wastebasket, with bags**

Trash cans must be at or under 13 gallons. Some cadets prefer a lid, but it is up to personal preference.



► **Large, plastic storage containers (stored on top of the wardrobes)**

Most cadets have two bins stored on top of their wardrobes, but keep the container lightweight! If they are see-thru, they can be inspected. Additional medium containers will be useful for inside the wardrobes.



► **Desk Lamp**

A must! University policies prohibit halogen bulb lamps and high intensity lamps in residence hall rooms.



► **Plain Alarm Clock (no radio/CD/audio connections)**

First-year cadets do not initially have music privileges.



► **Plate, bowl, utensils, mug**

Despite the quality of food at VT, every cadet seeks the convenience of eating in their room from time to time.

► **Cell Phone**

Due to the implementation of 2-Factor Authentication to access university applications, all students will find their cell phone to be indispensable. While all cadets are highly encouraged to have a cell phone for the school year and the phone is required during check-in, they are not allowed for use during New Cadet Week. They will be sealed in envelopes and stored during New Cadet Week and can be accessed if a new cadet needs it to register for classes, etc. Cell phones will be returned to all new cadets after the end of the New Cadet Week.

► **Black Backpack**

No big or white logos. Very limited color accents (small imprints on zippers, for example are okay). Common retailers to check would be L.L. Bean, eBags, Zappos.com, Amazon.com, etc.



Cleaning

- ▶ Iron
- ▶ Ironing Board, full size
- ▶ Ironing Starch

Cadets do a lot of ironing to keep their uniforms clean and inspection ready without having to pay for dry cleaning. Check to see that color from the ironing board cover will not transfer to white clothing.



- ▶ Edge Dressing (optional)

A black, glossy, lacquer-type protectant for the visible edges of soles of low quarters (dress shoes). It can be useful for formal inspections.



Virginia Tech Bookstore Cadet Box

Students need almost all of these items, so you can buy it in one cadet box from the VT Bookstore or you can also acquire these items from other sources as well. The notes identify what is not required, but good for students to have. These pictures are examples and not necessarily what will be in the final Cadet Box.

- ▶ Shoe Polish, black

Shoe Polish is critical in shining a cadet's leather low quarters



- ▶ Dry Erase Marker, fine, black
- ▶ Dry Erase Marker, chisel, black
- ▶ Dry Erase Eraser
- ▶ Dry Erase Cleaning Spray
- ▶ Sewing Kit

Dry Erase Gear is not required; first-year cadets earn the privilege of using dry erase on their door cards after the first six weeks, if not in the second semester.

For small uniform repairs, like a lost button. The Tailor Shop will take care of any alterations.

- ▶ China Marker/Grease Pencil

First-year cadets are required to use these to write on their plastic door card to identify their location when they are not in their rooms.



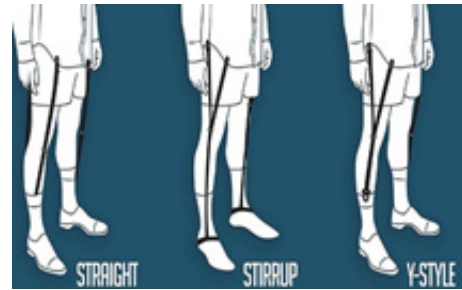
► Brass Polish

Some of the metal pieces of a cadet's uniform are true brass and need to be cleaned with a metal cleaner, like Brasso or Mother's.



► Shirt Stays

Shirt stays are elastic straps with clasps that are designed to hook shirt tails to your socks, under pants, to keep dress shirts neatly tucked-in.



► Hat Plastic

These stiff sheets of translucent plastic are used by cadets for everything from door cards to keeping shoulder ranks flat. It is very difficult to find anywhere other than the University Bookstore; it can be purchased individually.



► Dr. Scholl's Molefoam/ Moleskin

Cadets get blisters. It is a fact of life for physically active people on their feet in dress shoes and boots. Moleskin allows blistered skin to heal with a soft cushion, preventing rubbing and pressure.



► Storage Box (cardboard)

This is the box that all of these items come in. It is a convenient additional storage.

► White Masking Tape (1.88")

Used to tape your door card to your door in a very specific way.



Other Items Typically Included in the Cadet Box:

- ▶ Plastic Cup
- ▶ Microfiber Cloth
- ▶ First Aid Kit, basic
- ▶ Lint Roller, mini
- ▶ Bic mini-lighter
- ▶ Retractable Black Pen
- ▶ Umbrella, black
- ▶ Memo Notebook, black, waterproof
- ▶ Q-Tips
- ▶ Cotton Balls
- ▶ Shoe Shine Brush
- ▶ 3x5 Index Cards, ruled
- ▶ Safety Pins
- ▶ Corps of Cadets Camelbak Water bottle (not required)
- ▶ Permanent Marker, black
- ▶ 3x3 Post-It Notes, yellow
- ▶ 5" Pointed Scissors

Share with Roommate(s)

- ▶ **Refrigerator**
(≤4.5cu. ft., 120 V, 2A) First-year cadets are allowed to have mini-fridges and microwaves, but are limited to one of each per room. They can be purchased from stores or rented.
- ▶ **Microwave**
(<1000 watts) Cadets may also have coffee pots.



Footwear Guide

I have been issued one (1) pair of Tan Combat Boots and one (1) pair Black Leather Low Quarters by the Tailor Shop. If I decide not to join the Corps of Cadets, I understand that I will be billed by the Virginia Tech Accounts Receivable Department for the boots and shoes. The amount will be \$69.30 for the boots and \$80.70 for the shoes.

Important Notes:

1. Once boots and shoes have been worn, it is not feasible to swap sizes. Therefore, it is important that the sizes you have selected fit correctly. Replacements will be at the cost listed above.
2. Proper fit and break-in are required to prevent blisters during New Cadet Week and the start of classes.
3. If you return to school without the boots and shoes, they must be shipped next-day-air to you. The Tailor Shop does not have the inventory to lend boots and shoes.
4. Should you request to exchange size via mail, shipping charges will be added to your Accounts Receivable Account.

This is just a sample. You will sign this form when you are issued your footwear.

Date _____

Name _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL

Student ID Number _____

Home Address _____

Signature _____

Corps of Cadets Boots

The boots you are being issued are lightweight jungle style boots. This style will help reduce foot problems from the start. If you follow the suggestions below, you will reduce your chances of major problems during New Cadet Week.

Find the style of socks that you are most comfortable wearing. These should provide cushioning between your foot and the boot while keeping your foot snug inside the boot. The heel is a common problem area for blisters, and you should ensure that you have a proper fit here. Boot socks can be black or olive drab.

The more you wear the boots before returning for New Cadet Week, the better your feet will deal with the demands of the week.

As a precaution, bring moleskin. This will help relieve some of the discomforts of blisters in the event they occur.

You will receive instructions on care and maintenance during New Cadet Week.

Do not forget to pack your boots for the return to campus!

Corps of Cadets Low Quarters

The low quarters you are being issued when you attend orientation are black leather dress shoes. You will need to follow the guidelines below to achieve the best results for breaking in the shoes and to minimize foot problems when you arrive back to campus for New Cadet Week and the start of classes.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SHINE. This is very important. You will receive proper training when you return.

Find the style of socks that you are most comfortable wearing. These should provide cushioning between your foot and the shoe while keeping your foot snug. The heel is a common problem area for blisters, and you should ensure that you have a proper fit here. Dress socks must be black.

The more you wear the shoes before returning for New Cadet Week, the better your feet will deal with the demands of the week and the start of classes.

As a precaution, bring moleskin. This will help relieve some of the discomforts of blisters in the event they occur.

Wear as much as you can, but take extreme caution as not to scuff or scratch the leather. When wearing the shoes, do not drag the heel and wear it down as you walk.

Do not forget to pack your low quarters for the return to campus!