# Dorm Essentials Shopping Checklist

## Master your small space layout and confidently shop for every essential.

Maximize your dorm room layout and balance the visual weight of the space. This insider guide helps you get exactly what you actually need without buying unnecessary clutter.



### Layout Essentials At A Glance

**3x5 ft**
Standard pad for twin XL bed

**2 in**
Trim shorter than mattress all sides

**3**
Tiers on flexible rolling utility cart

**30 seconds**
Press adhesive firmly against desk wood

**1 hour**
Wait before snapping cables into drops

**2700K**
Warm lamp bulbs for winding down

**2**
Contrasting accent pillows to prop up

*Protect University Furniture*

*Always choose an LED clip-on reading lamp with padded clamp jaws to prevent scratching the wooden bed frames during your late-night study sessions.*

## Check Before You Shop

- ○ Measure the inner distance between your wooden bed posts.
- ○ Verify your specific bed's maximum loft height.
- ○ Review the university's list of prohibited appliances.
- ○ Coordinate shared items like rugs and curtains with your roommate.

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- ☐ Rubber rug pad for mattress grip
- ☐ Heavy-duty tension rod for bed skirt
- ☐ LED clip-on reading lamp with gooseneck
- ☐ Rolling bedside cart and fabric bins
- ☐ Small adhesive cord drops for cables
- ☐ Chunky knit throw and tactile textiles
- ☐ Rubbing alcohol for desk surface preparation

## Tension Rod Sizing

Find your row: **Bed Post Inner Gap**

| Bed Post Inner Gap | Your pick | Why |
|---|---|---|
| 38 to 42 inches | 28-48 in adjustable | Fits standard low loft |
| 42 to 54 inches | 48-84 in adjustable | Fits half-lofted beds |
| 75 to 80 inches | 72-120 in adjustable | Fits full bunk width |

## Room Measurements & Notes

Enjoy creating a welcoming, balanced focal point in your new home away from home!