What Should I Bring?

Apparel

**Formal Suit – 1**
(2 for Business Majors)
- Conservative professional – Black, Navy, Charcoal gray, Navy pinstripe, Charcoal gray pinstripe, etc.

**Formal Trousers – 2**
- Plain front or pleated slacks
- Match the suit color

**Formal Skirt (for women) – 1**
- Knee length skirt
- Solid colors matching the suit

**Formal Shirt – 3**
(At least 1 full sleeved)
- Neutral conservative colors – White, Light Blue, Cream, etc.
- Plain, fine stripes and fine patterns
- Half sleeved and solid colors for Formal Events and parties

**Formal Blouse (for Women) – 1**
(2 for Business Majors)
- Tailored if required
- Keep the professional attire conservative

**Formal Tie – 2**
- Conservative with small pattern

**Leather Belt – 1**
- Neat, simple and matching/complementing the trouser color

**Leather Shoes – 1 (Pair)**
- Match belt color
- Shoe polish and brush
- Closed toe conservative heel for women
Casual T-Shirt/Shirt/Top – 7
- Cotton fabric is more comfortable during the summer
- Machine wash safe fabric is recommended

Jeans/Trousers/Pants – 4
- Versatility is useful. Jeans can be worn to classes as well as to events.

Shorts – 3
- Shorts are quite common and comfortable during summer

Casual Belts – 1

Hats/Caps – 1

Jacket – 1
- Preferably one that offers protection from both cold and rain

Gloves – 1 (Pair)
- Can be purchased here for about $5

Casual Sport Shoes – 1 (Pair)

Sandals – 1 (Pair)

Regular Slippers – 1 (Pair)

Socks – 14 (Pair)
- Can be purchased here at low prices

Towels – 2

Handkerchiefs – 5

Undergarments – 14
- Laundry trips usually happen once in 2 weeks. It is better to be prepared.

Ethnic Wear (Optional) – For ISA events

Men
- Khurta – Pyjama
- Shirt and Dhoti
- Sherwani

Women
- Saree
- Salwar Kameez
- Churidar
- Bindis, Jewelry sets and Cosmetics

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Stationery

School Bag – 1
  - Preferably one which can hold a laptop
Ball Point Pens – Few
  - Black and/or Blue
Clutch Pencils – 1
Lead Box (0.5 mm) – 1
Erasers – 1
Steel Ruler – 1
Stapler & pins
Scientific Calculator – 1
  - Can be purchased here for low prices
Cello Tape – 1
Glue Stick/Glue – 1

Toiletries

Shaving Razor – 1
Shaving blades/ cartridges – 12
  - Expensive here
Shaving Cream/Gel – 1
Shaving Brush – 1
After Shave Lotion – 1
Trimming Scissors – 1
Tooth Brush – 2
Tooth Paste – 1
Comb – 2
Nail Cutter – 1
  - Very important
Hair Oil
Bathing Soap and Shampoo
  - Based on personal preferences
Moisturizing Cream

Bedding

Double Bed Sheet – 2
Pillow Covers – 2
Blanket – 1
  - Can be purchased here for $15 - $35
**Cooking Utensils**

- **Pressure Cooker (3 liters or 5 liters)** – 1
  - Hard to find here
  - Bigger the better
- **Spare Gaskets** – 2
- **Spare Safety Valves** – 2

- **Frying Pan (Non-Stick)** – 1
- **Kadhai** – 1
  - Flat bottom

- **Cutting Board** – 1
  - Can be purchased here for low prices

- **Scissors** – 1
- **Knives** – 1
- **Tongs** – 1

- **Cooking Ladle** – 3
  - Flat – 1
  - Perforated – 2

- **Glasses / Contact lenses / Accessories** – Extra Pair
  - Opticals are expensive here

- **Nasal Inhaler (Vicks)** – 1 Stick
- **Soothing Balm (Amrutanjan)** – 1
- **Pain Relief Spray** – 1
  - For fast relief
- **Antiseptic lotion (Dettol)** – 1
- **Band Aids** – 1 Box
- **Burn Ointment (Burnol)** – 1
- **Painkiller Tablets**
- **Tablets for Cold/cough/fever/allergy**
Cooking Ingredients

Red Chili Powder – 250g
Indian food is incomplete without this

Masala Powders – 250g
A combination or just one type according to your convenience

Turmeric Powder – 250g
Gets the food to smell good even when the taste is off

Raee (Mustard) Seeds – 250g
Indian cooking makes heavy use of this

Jeera (Cumin Seeds) – 500g
A worthy addition to Sambar or any curry

Hing (Asafetida) Powder – 250g
Adds a smooth flavor

Tamarind Powder/Paste – 1 packet
For imparting that sour taste to Sambar and curry

Sambar Powder – 2 Packets
Contains many of the above spices

Dhaniya (Coriander) Powder – 250g
Adds a bit of polish to your culinary creations

Elaichi (Cardamom) Powder
An essential ingredient for sweets but otherwise optional

Lavang (Clove) Powder
An essential ingredient for Biriyani but otherwise optional

Tea Leaves – 1 Kg
If you are a Tea person

Pappad – 2 Packets
Great with rice

Pickles
Ensure that they are properly sealed
**Miscellaneous**

**Stitching Kit**
- For quick repair of clothes

**Camera**
- For capturing the sights and sounds

**iPod / MP3 Player**
- So that Bollywood is never too far away

- The list above is only a guideline. Please use your own judgement and take into consideration factors such as **luggage weight, immigration checks** and **cost** when deciding the items to bring and their quantities.
- Ensure that items such as Knives, Scissors and Razors are packed away securely inside your luggage to avoid problems at airport check-ins.
- Perishable items (Cooking Ingredients) should be double sealed in air-tight bags. Some of them might warrant checking at the airports.
- We are not cooking experts nor do we claim to be. The list of cooking ingredients is based on the student experiences and is subjective. There is certainly room for creativity and ingenuity here.