Thiel College
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PACKING CHECKLIST

GENERAL PACKING TIPS:

Your study abroad is going to take you far away from your home which means that you will be without the everyday things that are always available to you. When you decide to pack, you need to make sure that you have essentials that will make your experience an enjoyable one. Also, be sure to:

— Check airline regulations for weight, size and number of bags allowed
— Clearly identify your luggage inside and out with your name and your address at home and the USA (Thiel College, 75 College Avenue, Greenville, PA 16125)
— Place a strap around your suitcase to secure it (in case the lock breaks)

CARRY-ON LUGGAGE:

Always pack your most important items in your carry-on luggage so they are not out of sight!

— Your passport, Visa, I-20, travel itineraries, and important Thiel College contact information
— Health records and immunizations
— Prescription medications or required medicines
— List of allergies
— Any valuables such as credit cards, cash, travelers checks, laptop, MP3 player, digital camera (with charger), etc.
— Cell phone (it’s invaluable if you miss a flight or travel plans have been delayed and you need to contact someone)
— A change of clothes
— Toiletries (toothbrush, deodorant, etc.) Most toiletries can be purchased in the USA, so pack only the name brand items that you think will be difficult to find abroad
— Eye glasses or contact lenses and solution

CLOTHING:

— Several short and long sleeve shirts
— 2-3 hooded sweatshirts
— A few sweaters
— Several pairs of jeans, pants, and shorts
— A belt or two
— Skirts (for females)
— A set or two of workout clothes
— Pajamas
— Swimsuit
— Coat/Jacket (one for colder weather and one for rainy days)
— One formal outfit
— One traditional outfit (for different on-campus cultural activities)
— Flip-flops or sandals
— Sneakers, dress shoes, and boots
— Undergarments and socks

Please note: You will have many opportunities to shop for clothing while you are here. However, you might want to bring your most favorite clothing items with you.
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

__ $300 in US currency for when you first arrive (to buy a cell phone, toiletries, items for your dorm room, and other incidentals)
__ International calling card and access number
__ MP3, ipod, or ipod shuffle with head phones or ear buds
__ Over the counter medicine(s)
__ If you bring a laptop*, inquire about US voltage at an electronics store
__ Sunglasses
__ Language dictionary or translator
__ Travel alarm clock
__ Addresses and photos of family and friends
__ Favorite recipes (note metric and Celsius conversions)

*You will be issued a laptop to use while you are enrolled at Thiel. There will be a $50 USD charge and a two week waiting period to use your own personal laptop.