



THE CITADEL

OFFICIAL PACKING LIST

Approved by the Commandant's Department | Report with all required items on Matriculation Day

Before You Arrive

- There is no good time to shop or replace items during Challenge Week. Report with all required items on Matriculation Day.
- Upon reporting, you will receive uniforms, locks, a bathrobe, and a shine kit for shoes and brass. Do not bring extra gear.
- Required items can be purchased at our Cadet Store. Summer hours: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Thursday (closed Federal holidays). Call ahead: (843) 953-5166.

REQUIRED ITEMS

- 12 white cotton crew-neck t-shirts (undershirts)
- 12 pairs of white underwear
- 12 pairs of black COTTON crew length socks
- 10 pairs of plain white athletic ankle socks (must cover ankle, no logos)
- 6 pairs of coyote brown boot socks (Dri-Comfort, over the calf, padded)
- 1 bathing suit, solid black or navy blue
 - Males: trunks*
 - Females: conservative one piece*
- 1 pair of black shower shoes (flip flops or slides)
- 6 white cotton bath towels
- 1 iron
- 1 to 2 pairs of running shoes (subdued color: white, navy, or black)
- 2 pairs of black leather military dress shoes (see footwear specs, page 4)
- 1 pair of coyote brown military-style boots, authorized for OCP wear (see footwear specs, page 4)
- 1 overnight bag (may not exceed 24" x 12" x 18")
- 4 plain white, non-fitted, extra-long twin sheets
- 1 plain white, standard-size pillow
- 4 plain white, standard-size pillowcases
- 1 personal laptop (Dell strongly recommended; see details on page 3)
- Toiletries: toothbrush, deodorant, soap, and all items for self-grooming
 - Males: razors*
 - Females: hair ties matching hair color*
- School supplies: pens, printer paper, notepads, sticky notes, ruler, stapler, etc.



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ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ITEMS FOR FEMALE CADETS

- 7 white, beige, or skin-colored regular bras
- 8 white, beige, or skin-colored sports bras

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- 1 pair of black or white insulated underwear
- 3 pairs of black compression shorts
- Full or travel-size ironing board

ITEMS AUTHORIZED, BUT NOT REQUIRED

- 1 desk reading lamp
- 1 stereo/Bluetooth speaker (no larger than 12" x 24")
- 1 picture frame (no larger than 8" x 10"; digital frame authorized)
- 1 oscillating fan (no larger than 10" x 13"; no box or floor fans on stands)
- Alarm clock
- Printer
- 1 coffee maker or Keurig
- Digital watch (inexpensive but durable)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Break in all shoes before reporting.
- Bring items to treat or prevent blisters (Moleskin, Band-Aids).
- Do not bring extra items beyond those listed. Bring only the civilian clothes you wear to report.



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LAPTOP INFORMATION

- A personal laptop is required. The Citadel ITS Department strongly recommends Dell computers due to their long-standing relationship with Dell's warranty support team.
- Purchase a Dell laptop with a ProSupport Plus Warranty for accidental damage protection and next-business-day service across all four years.
- A 10% student discount is available through the [Dell Advantage for Students program](#). Sign up using your Citadel email address.
- Chromebooks are NOT recommended; they lack compatibility with many required academic applications. Engineering and business students may need more powerful systems depending on their major's software requirements.
- All students can log in to Microsoft 365 to install Microsoft applications. For help: [IT Help Desk](#) or (843) 953-4357.
- Review the [Citadel ITS Minimum Computer Requirements](#) before purchasing.

MILITARY FOOTWEAR SPECIFICATIONS

Getting the Right Fit

- Get your feet professionally measured before purchasing -- the Cadet Store on campus can help.
- Shoes come in lengths AND widths; both matter. Toes should never touch the front. Size for the larger foot.
- Break in every pair before Matriculation Day. Walk in them regularly to find hot spots or tightness.
- Hand-me-downs are not recommended; shoes mold to the original owner's foot and gait.

Boot Specifications

- Height: 8 to 10 inches (sole will not exceed 2 inches)
- Color: Coyote-colored, flesh-side out cattlehide leather
- Toe and sole: Plain toe, rubber sole matching the color of upper materials
- Recommended vendor: search "TR550 Hot Weather" at [Belleville Boot](#). Use the coupon code CITADEL to reduce the price from \$169.99 to \$139. Free standard ground shipping within the Continental U.S.
- **Questions?** Cadet Store: (843) 953-5166 / (843) 953-4809.
- **Hours:** Mon-Fri, 8 AM to 4 PM (closed select holidays and Fridays in May through July; closed weekends)



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DRESS SHOES: AUTHORIZED vs. NOT AUTHORIZED

✓ AUTHORIZED

Authorized*:

Black Oxford **Smooth leather** **Plain toe**
Plain Rubber Heel and Sole *Recommend 2 pair (broken in)



✗ NOT AUTHORIZED

The following are **NOT** authorized:



BOOTS: AUTHORIZED vs. NOT AUTHORIZED

✓ AUTHORIZED

Authorized: Coyote Brown, Laces, Plain toe, Suede/Nylon upper



✗ NOT AUTHORIZED

Not Authorized: Zippers, Straps, Tan, Black, Emblems/Logos, Patterns, Cap toe

