



ROOK PACKING LIST 2026

All Rooks will need to bring health insurance information and proof of identification, such as social security card (signed) or birth certificate. Please refer to the proof of identification section for further details. Rooks will also need to know their FAFSA pin (as applicable), Norwich University email address and computer account name and password.

Rook Arrival Day Attire

Rooks must arrive on Rook Arrival Day wearing the following attire:

- Tan chino-style khaki pants: [Khaki Pants Example](#)
- Conservative black belt with plain buckle: [Belt Example](#)
- Short-sleeved plain white collared dress shirt: [Shirt Example](#)
 - Not a polo shirt
 - Must be button up shirt
 - Collar may be button down or non-button down
 - No patterns or logos
 - May have breast pocket or not
- White crew-neck short sleeve t-shirt (no V-neck or pockets)
- Running shoes
 - Should be predominately white or black
 - Prior to Rook Arrival Day try to break in your running shoes by following the manufacturers' recommendations
- White crew length athletic socks

Note:

1. Rooks authorized to arrive earlier than Rook Arrival Day may arrive in conservative civilian attire. On Rook Arrival Day early arrivals will be required to wear the Rook Arrival Day attire.
2. Items with an asterisk* below are available for purchase at the Cadet Uniform Store. However, they are generic items and can be purchased elsewhere. Our intent is to have some on hand for emergency restock, but not to supply the incoming class. We recommend purchasing these supplies from local retailers.

Clothing

Mandatory:

- 2 Pairs of Army regulation coyote colored lace up combat boots (no zippers):
 - 1 Pair of summer boots* [Boots Example](#)
 - 1 Pair of winter boots* - Not needed until after Thanksgiving break.
- 1 Pair of black military style dress shoes [Dress Shoe Example](#)
 - Dress shoe may be full leather Oxford type or patent leather type, which are commonly referred to as no-shine or Corfams* [Corfams Example](#)
- 1 Pair of Danner Tachyon black Gore-Tex boots, [Boots Example](#)
waterproof* or similar style boot, no zippers

Note: Prior to Rook Arrival Day try to break in your combat boots and dress shoes following the manufacturers' recommendations.

- 10 White crew-neck short sleeve t-shirts* (no V-neck or pockets)
- 10 Pair black crew length dress socks*
- 10 Pair white crew length athletic socks* (no visible logo exposed when worn)
- 5 Pair military boot socks*
 - The color of the socks must be solid tan, coyote, green, or black
 - Rooks will be issued an additional 5 pairs of boot socks upon arrival.
- Wristwatch*
 - Neutral or military tone color, such as black, white, green, coyote, brown, tan, or skin tone. Smart watches permitted.
 - Recommended military time feature and one that is water resistant or waterproof
- Prescription eyeglasses (as applicable) or contact lenses and solutions

Uniform Measurement Form: Be sure you complete the Uniform Measurement Form

Male Rook Specific:

- 3 neutral tone* sports briefs or compression shorts
- 10 pairs of neutral tone boxer or briefs underwear

***Neutral Tone is considered:
white, beige, black, brown,
or skin tone**

Female Rook Specific:

- 10 neutral tone* bras
 - 3 neutral tone sports bras.
 - 7 remaining bras may be neutral tone regular bras or neutral tone sports bras
- 10 pair of neutral tone underwear
- Sports bathing suit that is black or navy-blue
- Barrettes and hair elastics that match hair color, or black; no scrunchies
- Sock or mesh bun that match hair color or black
- Bobby pins if the hair length is below collar length
- Hair spray or gel

Note: Pajamas / personal sleepwear is not permitted. All rooks will sleep in clean physical fitness attire.

Additional clothing items that are recommended, but not required:

- Additional pair of athletic shoes
 - In case your running shoes get wet, or if you prefer a different shoe for working out in the gym or while playing certain sports (such as basketball).
- Thermal underwear neutral tones of color*
- Traction cleats for snow*
 - Helpful during field training in the winter months, popular brand is Yaktrax.

Business Attire

- Rooks who intend to play varsity athletics are required to wear business attire for away competitions.
- Some professors require business attire for presentations or class trips. Rooks should find out during the first week of classes whether this will be a requirement for class.
- Male business attire includes- business suit or sport coat with dress shirt and tie, dress pants, leather belt, dress shoes.
- Female business attire includes- business suit (pant or skirt) with hosiery and closed toe shoes with or without a heel; or tailored separates such as skirts, slacks, blouses, and sweaters, with hosiery and closed toe shoes with heel or without heel.

National Guard or Reserves - Rooks serving in the National Guard or Reserves may bring issued uniforms and equipment necessary for drill weekends.

Laundry and Linen

Cadets must do their own laundry in their barracks for which there is no charge for using the washers and driers. The Cadet Uniform Store sells laundry detergent, Tide pens, ironing boards, and spray starch. We recommend incoming students practice doing laundry and ironing before arriving, as their uniforms must always be crisp and clean. The only parts of the uniform that require dry-cleaning are the two Dress A coats, the tunic and coatee. Cadets can send these to be dry cleaned at the store for the reasonable price of \$12 per coat.

All incoming Rooks WILL BE ISSUED a linen packet which includes:

- Standard size pillow
- 2 White standard size pillowcases
- 2 White twin size standard flat sheets (no fitted sheets)
- 3 White bath size towels
- 1 Norwich branded maroon wool blanket
- 1 Fleece gold blanket (dustcover for rook/cadet rack)

Computers, Cell Phones, and Tablets

Please review Information Technology Services on our [ITS Website](#).

- Computer required (laptop or desktop with a monitor size 32 inches or less)

Additional electronics:

- Cell phone (recommended) Note: Use is very restricted during the first semester.
- Tablet, iPad, or similar (optional)
- Printer (optional) Note: Printers with paper are available in the barracks, academic buildings, Kreitzberg Library, and Wise Campus Center for use by all students.
- Ethernet cable (required for barracks room connection)
- Headphone or earbuds (optional) Note: Rooks may use these for academics only.
- Thumb or flash drive (recommended)
- Surge protector (recommended)

Supplies (Items with an asterisk * next to them are available at the Cadet Uniform Store)

- Backpack or Computer Bag* (color black, conservative style, no patterns, few markings)
 - Cadet Uniform Store sells Rothco Transport Packs, which are also available online at Rothco.com
 - NU branded backpacks and bags available at the Bookstore
- Prescription medicines as annotated on required medical form required for enrollment
- Band aides and over-the-counter medicine and creams for pain relief, colds, sinus, itch, etc.
- Shoe Polishing kit*
 - Kit should include black shoe polish, cotton balls or rag, and shoe brush
- Toiletry items (a limited selection is available at the University Bookstore and Cadet Uniform Store):
 - Soap and shampoo*
 - Deodorant*
 - Toothbrush and paste*
 - Shaving razor (maybe electric) and cream*
 - Feminine hygiene products (as applicable)*
 - Nail clippers
- 25 Clothing hangers* - Wooden (natural wood color) or plastic (white or black)
- Flat iron* and ironing board* (floor model recommended)
- Sewing kit*
- Padlock*
- Spray bottle
- Broom and dustpan
- All-purpose cleaner such as *Lysol*, *Windex*, *409*, *Fabuloso*, wet wipes
- Cleaning rags (old towels or old t-shirts are fine)
- Alarm clock (no clock radios)
- School supplies (a limited selection is available at the University Bookstore):
 - Paper / Notepad
 - Pens (black ink) / Pencils
 - 5 Black dry-erase markers (fine point)
 - Permanent black marker (fine point)
 - Folders
 - Scissors
 - 12 sheet protectors, clear (8x12 inch)
 - Masking tape roll* (3/4 inch wide)

Items recommended, but not required:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lockbox for desk drawer - Not larger than: 9"D x 12"W x 5"H (The desk does not lock) | <input type="checkbox"/> Facial tissues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Calculator (For select majors consult with your admissions counselor or academic department) | <input type="checkbox"/> Washcloths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stapler/staples | <input type="checkbox"/> Desk lamp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruler | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal desk fan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletry bag or small carryall | <input type="checkbox"/> Index cards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multipurpose tool (Knife blade, not to exceed 3 inches. Popular brands are <i>Gerber</i> and <i>Leatherman</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> Lotion |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Foot powder or body powder |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Lip balm (<i>Chapstick</i>)* |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Boot cleaning kit* |

*Available at Uniform Store

Musical Instruments

Rooks may bring a musical instrument with the consideration of joining our Regimental Band, Concert Band, Grenadiers Jazz Band, and our NU String Ensemble.

Proof of Identification

All Rooks will receive a Norwich student photo ID during Rook Arrival Day in processing. A second form of photo ID is recommended.

ROTC branches require an original or certified certificate of birth and original social security card (**must be signed**) or proof of citizenship, as applicable. Copies of the original documents will be made. ROTC branches will contact Rooks prior to arrival if more information is needed.

For questions, contact appropriate ROTC office:

Army ROTC	(802) 485-2480 / armyrotc@norwich.edu
Air Force and Space Force ROTC	(802) 485-2460 / afrotc@norwich.edu
Navy and Marine Corps ROTC	(802) 485-21845 / jrollan1@norwich.edu

For employment at Norwich University, as a work study or non-work study, Rooks must have two forms of ID:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ID form one may be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NU student ID• Driver's License• USA Passport or Passport Card | <input type="checkbox"/> ID form two may be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Security Card (Signed)• Certificate of Birth• USA Citizen ID Card (Form I-197) |
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For questions related to Norwich employment or work study contact:

Human Resources Office	(802) 485-2075 / nuhr@norwich.edu
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Rooks interested in traveling abroad with their athletic team, for service learning, or ROTC military training opportunities will need a passport (unless the travel is to Canada, in which case an enhanced driver's license is acceptable). Rooks are not authorized to study abroad during their first year.

Prohibited Items by Rooks:

Alcoholic beverages	Illegal drugs / steroids
Animals (live, service, or stuffed)	Knives with blade over 3 inches
Bedspreads, blankets, colored or fitted sheets	Pajamas / personal sleepwear
Bicycles, skateboards, etc.	Plants
Bracelets (Medical and POW / MIA exceptions)	Posters or framed pictures
Candles, incense	Rugs or doormats
Civilian clothing (except what is required)	Shelves / crates / bed lifts
Computer games or gaming consoles	Stereos, CD players, iPods, GoPro
Computer monitors larger than 32 in.	Television or radio
Desk plotters	Tobacco products (e-cig, vapes, JUULs, etc.)
Electrical devices (except power strip)	Vehicles
Firearms of any sort and ammunition	Wastebaskets (one will be issued)
Fish, turtles, aquatic animals, etc.	
Food, candy, gum, etc.*	

*Shoe box with healthy snacks is allowed during Rook Week and after

CONTACT INFORMATION

Office of the Commandant

Monday – Friday
0800-1630
(802) 485-2135
commandant@norwich.edu

Cadet Card Office

Monday – Friday
0800-1600
cadetcard@norwich.edu

University Bookstore

Monday – Friday
0800-1600
(802) 485-2200
0573mgr@fhcg.follett.com
www.bkstr.com/norwichstore/home

Cadet Uniform Store

Monday – Friday
0730-1600 (Summertime 1000-1400)
(802) 485-2017
uniformstore@norwich.edu
www.norwich.edu/offices/cadet-uniform-store

Computer Services Helpdesk

Monday – Friday
0800-1630
(802) 485-2456
helpdesk@norwich.edu

NU Health Services

Monday – Friday
0800-1630
(802) 485-2552
healthservices@norwich.edu

Bus, Train, and Airport Transportation

Norwich does not provide free transportation to or from public transportation, this includes the airport, bus, and train stations. There is no shuttle service to Boston, MA or Manchester, NH Airports. Uber service is not available in Northfield. Shuttle service to and from Norwich for public transportation is available for a fee via <https://www.norwich.edu/campus-resources/campus-map-directions-trip-planning>

- Dartmouth Coach provides transportation from Hanover, NH to Boston's Logan Airport and New York City
- Montpelier VT Greyhound provides bus transportation from Montpelier, VT to Hanover, NH
- Taxi: Rides at Your Service, Montpelier, VT, (207) 337-3095 - Call or text. Will pick up in Northfield, VT