

Item	This Semester Only	This Semester and then Some	Heavy Use for Several Years
Heavyweight Boots	(This is a good place, for ALL programs, to invest in quality boots. Please see the other two columns.)	(\$100-160) North Face, REI, EMS	(\$160+) La Sportiva, Asolo, Vasque, Salomon, Lowa, Raichle, Garmont, Montrail, Merrell
Midweight Hikers	(Still a good place to invest in quality.)	(\$75-130) -North Face, Nike, REI, EMS	(\$130+) Same as above
Backpack	(\$150-200) Kelty, Eagle Creek, Jansport	(\$200-275) Mountainsmith, EMS, REI, Lowe Alpine	(\$275+) Osprey, Arcteryx, Dana Designs, Mystery Ranch, Gregory
Synthetic Sleeping Bag (Prices for a 15-degree bag)	(< \$100) Coleman, Slumberjack, Peak 1, LL Bean	(\$100-150) EMS, REI, North Face, Kelty, GoLite	(\$190+) Marmot, Sierra Designs, Mountain Hardware
Down Sleeping Bag	Almost all down bags are high quality	(\$150-225) Same as above	(\$225+) Same as above plus Feathered Friends
Rainjacket	(\$5-15) Plastic poncho, purchased in-country or in the US	(\$75-150) Brands: EMS, North Face, Lowe Alpine. Material: Waterproof (only) fabric or waterproof/breathable <i>laminare</i>	(\$150+) Brands: Arcteryx, Patagonia, Mtn. Hardware, Marmot Material: Goretex, H2No, or other waterproof/breathable <i>membrane</i>
Insulating Bottoms	(\$25-40) Gap, Old Navy fleece pants	(\$40-60) EMS, REI fleece Pants	(\$60+) Patagonia, Marmot, Mammut, Cloudveil, Mtn. Hardware fleece pants or expedition-weight pants
Fleece	(\$5-35) Wool sweater bought in US or in-country, Fleece jacket from Gap, LL Bean or Old Navy	(\$30-80) EMS, REI, North Face	(\$80+) Patagonia, Marmot, Cloudveil, Mountain Hardware, Arcteryx
"Puffy" (synthetic and down jackets)	(\$40-70) Gap, Old Navy or LL Bean synthetic or possibly down jacket	(\$70-120) Most higher end brands make <i>synthetic</i> jackets in this range or look at 600-fill <i>down</i> jackets by REI or North Face	(\$120+) <i>Synthetic</i> -fill by Patagonia or Mtn Hardware or 800+ fill <i>Down</i> jackets by Patagonia, Marmot, or Mtn Hardware
Headlamp	(\$5-20) Handheld, basic, lightweight and plastic or metal	(\$20-35) Simple 2-3 bulb <i>LED</i> headlamp such as Black Diamond's <i>Ion</i> or Petzl's <i>Tikka</i>	(\$35+) 3+ bulb <i>LED</i> with incandescent option, brighter, more battery-life: Black Diamond, Petzl, Princeton Tech

*Prices and brands do not necessarily correlate. Patagonia may have a model or a sale that brings their product to the lower bracket. Also, most mid-range products will be very durable and could last a long time!