WHAT TO BRING
When you arrive, you’ll be temporarily staying in one of the dorms designated for part of orientation (Aug. 21-24). Then, on Aug. 24 (Sunday), the Orientation staff will help you move to your dorm that you’re assigned to for the whole year. Thus, it will help you to pack your belongings so that you have easy access to clothing/toiletries for PASSPORT on top and your personal belongings for a longer stay on the bottom of your bags.

For International PASSPORT
- Clothing: Warm weather casual items such as shorts, jeans, t-shirts, and a light jacket and/or sweatshirt. For the gym and beach trip: shorts, shirts, shoes, and a bathing suit (optional) to play in. Definitely comfortable shoes to walk around in.
- Money: Cash (not more than a few hundred dollars) to spend on supplies when you first arrive. Check from your bank, made out to yourself, in U.S. dollars for larger amounts. (Or cashiers or travelers checks in dollars.)

For Life at Calvin
- Photos of family and friends for your desk top.
- A lot of casual clothing, especially jeans and sweatshirts, jackets, and/ or sweaters.
- A limited amount of formal clothing which might be worn at a special banquet or church.
- A traditional outfit that could be worn at a cultural event (optional).
- Note that if you bring electronic devices, the voltage is 120.

WHAT CALVIN PROVIDES FOR DORM ROOMS
http://www.calvin.edu/housing/housing-options/residence-halls/amenities.html
- Beds, mattresses, mattress pads, dressers, desks, desk lamps, and chairs.
- Bathroom with shower, toilet, sink for every two bedrooms.
- Toilet paper and cleaning supplies.
- Closets with shelves and built-in bookcases.
- Telephone.
- Campus cable system.
- Computer access including wireless access.
- Washing machines, dryers, ironing boards, and irons in each resident hall.
- Computers and printers in each residence hall and also in library and labs.

WHAT YOU CAN PURCHASE AFTER YOU ARRIVE
(We will go shopping on Saturday, Aug. 23)
- Bedding such as sheets, blankets, pillow, bedspread or comforter
- Towels and wash clothes
- Winter jackets, gloves, hats, and boots—you’ll have opportunities to shop for these when the weather gets colder (If coming from a cold climate, you may want to bring some of this.)
- Personal care items (shampoo, soap, deodorant, laundry soap, etc.)
- School supplies (notebooks, binders, pens, etc.)
- Any necessary appliances (hair dryer, fan, alarm clock, etc.)
- Laptop computer (optional but are generally cheaper in the U.S.)