

# CSI Packing List

## 1. What to bring

### a. Clothing

- 5-7 pairs of Khaki shorts, at least 8-inch inseam in length (for both men and women)
- Undergarments (Compression shorts for males, sports bras for females)
- Appropriate pajamas
- 1-2 pairs of running shoes, shoes may get wet
- 7 pairs of white ankle socks with no markings
- Shower shoes
- Black or brown belt
- Rain jacket, black or navy
- If you plan to bring your black low-quarters to break in during CSI, you must also bring black, calf-length socks to wear with them (Optional, **but highly recommended**)
  - See recommendations page below

### b. Clothing for Physical Fitness Training

- Citadel PT clothing will be purchased from the cadet store upon arrival
- Conservative bathing suit (one piece or appropriate trunks) in solid black or navy

### c. Linens

- 2 Cotton towels, 2 washcloths, and 1 beach appropriate towel
- 1 standard-size pillow with white pillowcase
- White fitted sheet and flat sheet for a twin bed
- 1 twin-sized blanket, or thin bedspread
- Plastic mattress pad (optional)

### d. Room Items

- Small fan (optional)
- Cell phone
- Chargers for electronics

#### **Below items can be purchased at the cadet store**

- Laundry detergent (quarters required for laundromat)
- Combination lock (a lockbox is provided for each student)
- Air Freshener (optional)
- Ziploc bags
- Paper Towels
- Clorox wipes

### e. Personal Items

- Money (Debit/credit card or cash) for The Cadet and Book Store

- Plastic water bottle—You may want to add your name on the side
- Black or navy backpack
- Shower caddy for toiletries
- Small first aid kit or items for treating minor injuries
- Laundry basket or bag
- Below items can be purchased at The Cadet Store
- Toiletries: soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant - additional toiletries based on personal needs (please note: male students must bring a razor and shaving cream, as being clean-shaven daily is a dress code requirement)
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Bath robe for showers, conservative in style and color (optional)

f. Academic Items

- Laptop (See requirements under recommendations below)

**Below items can all be purchased at The Citadel Bookstore**

- Spiral notebook
- Pencils and pens
- Folders with pockets
- Highlighters
- 3x5 index cards
- Graphing calculator if taking a math course

## 2. What NOT to Bring

- Posters, or other wall hangings or decorations
- Thick blankets
- Food items that are perishable, unpackaged, or un-sealable (open items must be sealed in plastic baggies or other sealed storage containers)
- Television
- Refrigerator, or any other kitchen appliances
- Electronic games or consoles
- Extension cords or multi-plug outlets without surge protector
- External speakers
- Any clothing or jewelry not allowed under the dress code
- Weapons including but not limited to firearms, ammunition, edged knives, and tasers
- Alcohol, tobacco products, vaping devices, illegal substances, or paraphernalia

**The Citadel is a Tobacco Free campus**

## Recommendations from past CSI students:

1. Invest in 2 pairs of black low-quarters and break them in during CSI. Many students experience blisters when wearing new low-quarters and breaking them in early will decrease or eliminate blisters during challenge week. This is not a requirement and will not negatively affect the student's performance at CSI.

Black Low-quarter Brands and opinions

**Bates:** Bates are used across the DOD as a uniform shoe because they are comfortable with a flexible, durable sole. Many cadets argue that they do not polish as quickly as other brands, however an acceptable polish can be achieved with a little extra effort. Bates are often readily available in many different sizes for men and women.

**Florsheims:** Florsheims are often the go-to brand of black low-quarter for uniform wear. Their heel is made of wood and the bottom sole is made of leather. The leather bottom often wears down due to the drills and marching knobs do. Florsheims polish very well and are often the chosen shoe for cadets during inspections or morning formations

Black low-quarter styles/ regulations: All black low-quarters must have a plain toe. NO CLOROFRAM. Bates often only come with a plain toe. If you purchase Florsheims ensure to purchase the "Lexington Plain Toe Oxford" or you will not be authorized to wear them.

2. **Bring extra socks and underwear.** Students often find themselves without a dry and clean set later in the week because students at CSI often use more pairs than normal. Charleston is HOT and HUMID and everyone sweats. Students will get sweaty during PT every morning and often throughout the day. There are coin laundry machines on campus, but your days are jam packed with important events like classes and meetings. Extra socks, underwear and other garments will insure you are comfortable, dry and clean and allow you to wear several sets during each day. Males: current male cadets often choose to wear compression. Compression shorts must be plain and black in color with no markings. Females: Bring extra pairs of all undergarments. You will be most comfortable in sports bras.
3. **Laptop requirements:** [Frequently asked questions](#) and [minimum computer requirements](#) can be found at these links. CSI does require access to a computer so that students can complete their assignments and regularly check their emails.
4. Bring a conservative number of **healthy snacks**. Some students prefer to have a snack before bed or before PT every morning. It is recommended that they arrive with a box of granola bars or similar snack.
5. **Hydrate extensively before arrival.** This is especially applicable to out-of-state students because Charleston gets very hot and humid during the summer months. Many students purchase large water bottles like Nalgene and drink several bottles a day. Proper hydration will be heavily stressed to the students at CSI.
6. You are encouraged but not required to bring a cotton rag and shining polish for the **shoe shining lesson** taught during CSI. These items can also be purchased on campus.