Items to place in your carry-on luggage

Carry all the relevant documents related to your travel like passport, visa, I20 and admission letter in your carryon bag. Follow the checklist for your guidance:

Essential items in your carry-on:

- Boarding pass
- Passport
- I-20
- US currency
- Mobile phone
- Important documents like admission letter, SEVIS fee receipt, vaccination certificate, financial support, etc.
- The address where you will live
- A list of the names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of key contacts in the U.S. and at home.
- Valuables such as cash, jewelry, laptop, credit card, debit card, etc.

Optional items in your carry-on:

- Medicine and doctor’s prescriptions*
- Charger/adapter/converter
- Laptop/tablets
- Travel pillow
- Earplugs
- Toiletries
- Light jacket
- Overnight clothes

Items to carry in your Checked bags:

- Clothes (casual, formals, shoes, undergarments, sports outfits, etc.)
- Formals clothes, like suits, for professional events and career fairs
- Traditional dresses for cultural celebrations and social events
- Dry food and spices*
- Sweets and delicacies from your hometown*
- Utensils
- Books and stationeries

*See U.S. Custom and Border Protection (CBP) website for rules regarding allowed medications and food and other travel information.