What to bring for your summer seminar at Calvin

You will be staying in an apartment with limited furnishings.

Each air-conditioned apartment is equipped with beds, chairs, desks, desk lamps, dressers, a kitchen table and chairs, a campus telephone, a refrigerator, microwave and stove, trash cans, and a basic set of dishes and cookware. We will provide bedding, a pillow, and a basic set of towels for each guest. Some additional kitchen items are available by request; a list will be available in your apartment.

Each apartment complex also contains a free laundry room with an iron and ironing board, a common room with a television that receives basic cable channels, and outdoor grills.

**Essential items to bring:**
- Textbooks and other reading materials sent to you before your seminar
- Personal toiletries including soap (toilet paper will be provided). Don’t forget your sunscreen.
- Clothing – Be prepared for hot, warm, and cool weather, as well as both rain and sun.
- Food for dinner* (lunches and mid-morning break food will be provided for participants only; we do not provide food for family members)

**Items you may want to consider bringing:**
- Laundry detergent and dishwashing detergent*
- Extra towels (the towels provided are not oversized), pillows, or blankets
- Television with a cable (individual apartments have cable hook-ups, but you must provide your own cable and TV)
- Additional chairs for the living room, or adjustable desk chair if you have specific needs
- Swimsuit for Calvin’s newly renovated 50-meter pool (for adult participants—families are welcome during “family swim” when accompanied by the participant) or for trips to Lake Michigan
- Athletic clothing/shoes (street shoes are not allowed) for the weight room and exercise room in the Spoelhof Fieldhouse Complex (adults only)
- A calling card for long-distance phone calls
- Personal laptops or other wireless enabled devices (Ethernet is not available)
- Basketball or volleyball for use in the courts behind the apartments.

*Please note that the Seminars staff provides shuttles to the grocery store at least once a week for groceries and items that you may prefer to buy in Grand Rapids. See the Seminars staff for more information.