SURF CHECK:

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General Temperatures

- Very Cold: below 50°F
- Cold: 50 – 65°F
- Warm: 65 – 72°F
- Hot: 72 – 80°F
- Very Hot: above 80°F

- Make sure to layer to easily adjust to the cold/hot changes!
- Always have a pair of sunglasses and sunscreen with you.

Weather Trends in San Diego

- Inland areas are warmer than coastal areas.
- Temperatures can decrease drastically during the night.
- Mornings, especially by the coast, can be foggy and cool, but the weather warms up as the day progresses.
- Rainy days can be very unpredictable, but usually wetter season lasts from November to March, sometimes May and early June.
- Hottest season is August – September.

Friendly Reminder: Celsius vs Fahrenheit

**Freezing**: 0 degrees Celsius or 32 degrees Fahrenheit

**Boiling**: 100 degrees C or 212 degrees F

1 degree Celsius is 1.8 times larger than one degree Fahrenheit

**TIP!** Temperature in Fahrenheit = Temperature in Celsius x 1.8 + 32
General Tips

• Sometimes feet can be expressed as ' and inches as ''. For example, if someone is 5 feet 4 inches tall, it may be written as 5’4’’.
• If you want to order a beverage, the 12oz drink would usually be a small, 16oz is medium, and 20oz is large.
• Mattresses in the dorm are usually Twin XL or Extra Long Twin. The dimensions are 38in x 83in.
• Sizes for clothes and shoes are also different in the U.S.! Check-out this website for helpful conversions.

Measurements

• 1 mile (mi) = 1.6 kilometers (km)
• 1 foot (ft) = 12 inches (in) = 30 centimeters (cm)
• 1 inch (in) = 25 millimeters (mm) or 2.54 centimeters (cm)
• 3 feet (ft) is almost exactly 1 meter (m)
• 1 kilogram (kg) - just over 2 pounds (lbs)
• 1 pound (lb) = 454 grams (g)
• 1 ounce (oz) = 28 grams (g)
• 1 gallon (gal) = 3.79 liters (L)

A commonly used abbreviation, MPH, means miles per hour
Plugs and Sockets

Summary

- Make sure you have a **plug adaptor** if the plugs on your electronics are not **Type A** or **B**.

- If the voltage on electronic appliances from your home country exceeds **127V**, it may be easier to purchase some items in the U.S., or you will need to get a **voltage converter**.

- Fun Fact: The word “**outlet**” is also used to talk about **shopping centers or malls that sell items for a reduced price**.

US plugs and socket types are **Type A** and **Type B** as shown on the image on the left.

The standard voltage is **120 V**, but electric appliances that range from **110 – 127 V** will work too.

If you plan to live on campus, check out the **UCSD Housing and Residential Life Policies** for detailed requirements on appliances, extension cords, and more.
Clothes for all types of weather

Comfortable shoes, the campus is quite large!

Things that will help make this your new home!

Personal hygiene items

Headphones (highly recommended)

Laptop and/or tablet/iPad

Swimsuit. We do live across from the beach!

3MT Command Adhesive strips/hooks to hang things on your wall!

A willingness to learn about yourself and your new community

A positive attitude and excitement about starting your journey into college!

- Candles, incense, fireworks, or weapons
- Halogen lamps
- Multi-bulb light fixtures or “octopus lamps”
- Pets except fish
- Masking or cellophane tape, nails, and other products that damage paint or wall surfaces
- Two-pronged extension cords – only three-prong cords are allowed
- Hotplates or any electrical appliance with an open or exposed heating element
- Wireless routers or devices that might interfere with our network
- Toasters or toaster ovens
- Air conditioners
- Alcohol, drugs, or drug paraphernalia
- Waterbeds
- Self-built lofts of any kind

*as presented by UCSD Housing • Dining • Hospitality (HDH) and safety policies
...or buy after moving in!

**ON CAMPUS**
- Target @UCSD
- Amazon @UCSD
- UC San Diego Bookstore

You can also order things to be delivered to campus and can pick them up at Amazon Smart Lockers!

**OFF CAMPUS**
- Walmart
- IKEA
- Target
- Marshalls
- Bed, Bath & Beyond
- HomeGoods

Malls near UCSD:
- Westfield UTC
- Westfield Mission Valley
- Fashion Valley