



**The Island School**  
SEMESTER & SUMMER TERM

## **Semester Packing List**

This checklist is our strong suggestion of quantities you will need for your stay. Keeping your bags limited to two duffel bags (we do not recommend hard-top suitcases, please check your airline policies as most limit bag weight to 50lbs) and a carry on is very important for travel and storage purposes in the dormitories. It is also important to note that students will have the opportunity to send their laundry out once a week. Finally, though you can buy some items in the school store, we recommend that you buy what you need ahead of time, and use the school store as a backup resource.

*We highly recommend labeling all your clothes with a permanent marker.*

### **Toiletries**

Our artificial wetland that processes wastewater on campus is extremely sensitive to the chemicals in most bath products. With this in mind, when choosing your bath products (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, etc.) please choose responsibly and sustainably. We ask that you do NOT bring any product containing microbeads.

- 1 Shampoo ~12 oz
- 1 Conditioner ~12 oz
- 1 Body wash/bar of soap ~12 oz
- 1 Toothpaste ~6 oz
- Personal hygiene items; toothbrush, deodorant, feminine products
- 2 Sunscreen ~12 oz SPF 30+ and Reef Safe if possible (we do not recommend spray)
- 2 SPF 15+ lip balm/chapstick
- Bug spray

### **Classroom & Field Uniform**

- 3-4 IS T-shirts \*Please note, the IS athletics shirts are not uniform appropriate
- 3 IS Polos
- 5 Solid khaki/navy shorts (non-athletic)
- 1 Belt
- 2 Casual footwear (flip-flops, sandals, etc.) \*Please note, flimsy flip-flops do not last long when worn frequently across campus
- 2 Long-sleeve rash guards\*\*
- 2 Synthetic, long sleeve shirts (IS Athletics or Sun shirt is great for this)\*\*
- 1 pair Board shorts or black/navy running shorts for diving and field work\*\*

*\*\*Available in The Island School store. Island School brand not mandatory.*

### **Athletic Uniform**

- 2 Black/navy athletic bathing suit
- 1 Running shoes
- 1 Closed-toe footwear that you can run in and get wet/dirty (old sneakers work great)

- 5-6 Black/navy athletic shorts (running or compression shorts) - We recommend having both depending on activity.
- 5-6 Black/navy sports bras
- 5 Athletic socks
- 1-2 Swim goggles/swim mask (no nose cover)

### **Other Clothes**

- 4 Casual shorts to be worn on free time (conservative length)
- 2 Pairs jeans/pants (no excessive holes/tears)
- 6 Tidy and appropriate t-shirts (no excessive graphics)
- 2 Button down or blouse
- 4 Modestly cut knee-length dress or skirt (no open back or midriff cutouts)
- 1 Sweatpants
- 2 Cardigan sweater
- Enough underwear to last 15 days
- Hawaiian shirt, worn every Tuesday! (optional)
- 4 Reusable face masks

### **Outdoor Clothing & Gear**

- 1 Light polyester/cotton mix pant or synthetic leggings
- 1-2 Hooded sweatshirt or fleece pullover
- 1 Rain jacket
- 1 Knee-high socks
- 1 Headlamp & extra batteries
- 1 Bike helmet
- 1 Bowl & utensils
- 1 Leatherman-style multi-tool (pliers are great to have)
- 1 Lightweight sleeping bag
- 2-3 Water bottles
- 1-2 Hats (We recommend bringing both a baseball and a wide-brimmed hat)
- 1-2 Bandanas/buffs
- 2 Sunglasses (Sunglasses are very important in The Bahamas; however, they are also easily lost or broken, please take this into consideration when packing)
- 1 No-see-um/Mosquito bed net (e.g. stansport double mosquito net)
- 1 Versatile camping shoes (i.e Tevas, Chacos, Keens, your “run-swim” shoes)

### **SCUBA Gear**

- 1 Dive mask, snorkel & fins set (*If you wear prescription glasses it is highly recommended that you have contacts or a prescription mask for diving.*)
- 1 Wetsuit (3mm, full or shortie as a preference)
- 1 Mesh gear bag (important for keeping your gear separate for risk management)

### **School Supplies**

- 1 Laptop \*Google Chromebooks are not compatible with our network server. If you do not have access to a laptop, please reach out ahead of the Term.
- 1 External hard-drive or flash drive (we recommend an external hard drive with 4GB+)

- 1 Five-subject notebook
- 1 Assignment notebook
- Pens/pencils
- 1 Backpack
- 1 Spare batteries as needed
- Caribbean Reef Fish ID Slate

### **Personal Items**

All medications (including PRN/over the counter) will be stored and administered by our Medical Team. Please be sure to come down with the necessary amounts for all medications for the entire course of the Semester (do not plan to refill anything during the term).

- 1 Waterproof digital watch (at least 50m depth, essential for day-to-day and dive training)
- 1 Spare watch (cheap, for backup)
- 2 Towels (1 bath, 1 beach)
- 1 Laundry bag with drawstring (clearly labeled)
- 2 Sets of standard, twin size bed sheets, including 2 pillowcases
- Electrolyte tablets/packets (e.g. Nuun, LMNT, Pedialyte Sport)
- Topical itch cream (e.g. Topical Benadryl, Hydrocortisone)
- \$200-\$300 Cash (recommended for store purchases, Down Island Trips & travel)

Alumni have shared that make-up products are not a necessary part of our Semester. If you choose to bring make-up products, please bring only a small amount as you'll be packing out what you pack in!

### **Optional Items**

- 1 Warm hat/beanie
- 1 Sarong or quick-dry/microfiber towel
- 1 Stadium Chair (e.g. Crazy Creek)
- 1 Sleeping pad for expeditions
- 1 Lufa (e.g. ecopouf sponge)
- Envelopes & stamps (US postage)
- 1 Digital camera or GoPro (strongly recommended, point and shoot is most versatile)
- 1 Bugnet hammock (for use on expedition trips)
- 1 Bugnet Pants (no-see-um proof are recommended)
- Crocs
- Music playing device that does not have wifi capabilities (e.g. mp3/compact player)
- Collapsible storage cubes (for organization in dorms)
- Ear Plugs & Sleeping Eye Mask