What to Pack to Make Your Stay at Campus Easier

For a trip to Henan Province, China, packing for both summer and winter, especially for work purposes, requires specific considerations due to the region's climate, culture, and professional attire. We know that a move overseas can be overwhelming, but most items can be purchased in China either in person or online. Here's a guide to help.						
General Essentials for Henan Province						
	1. Work-Related Items:		Travel Essentials:			
	• Laptop and charger		$\circ~$ Passport, visa, and copies of important documents			
	• Portable charger and power adapters		\circ Copy of your invitation and notification letters			
	• A pen, and other favored stationery		• Copy of your contract			
	• Any necessary documents or files		• Travel insurance details			
	2. Technology:		 Medications and a small first-aid kit 			
	$\circ~$ Smartphone (large storage capacity & Sim card slot) and charger		 Travel-sized toiletries 			
	• Laptop or table (extremely helpful)		• Tissue for public toilets			
	• Travel adapter		 Hand sanitizer wipes 			
	• VPN - Astril* or Let's VPN works the best here - to connect to most western internet related products/platforms/apps		• Ear plugs			
	• Download Alipay App with international card details on it as most places in China do not accept cash.		• (Optional) Reusable water bottle			
	• WeChat App should also be downloaded especially to be able to communicate with Officials from the Campus on your journey to China (in case of an emergency)		• <i>(Optional)</i> Travel-sim card (3-5 days): Chinese public wifi needs a phone number			
	• <i>A translation app</i> . Should also be downloaded for easy communication if needed during your trip. <u>(Baidu Translate / Microsoft Translate)</u> work well in China. Anything google related will not work without a VPN.)		0 (Optional)Travel / neck pillow			
	*The last 4 suggestions above are essential to make your stay in Henan a lot easier.					
 Summer Packing List for Henan Province Climate Considerations Summer: Henan can be hot and humid, with temperatures often reaching above 30°C (86°F). Light, breathable clothing is essential. 			 Winter Packing List for Henan Province Winter: Winters can be cold, with temperatures often dropping below 0°C (32°F). Warm, layered clothing is necessary. By packing thoughtfully, you can ensure you are comfortable and professional throughout your stay in Henan Province, regardless of the season. 			
	Clothing					

* Clothes and shoes can be purchased both online and at stores locally, however, be mindful of Asian style and sized shoes and apparel when considering this as an option.

Summer	Winter
1. Lightweight Suits: opt for breathable materials like cotton or linen.	1. Warm Suits: Suits made of wool or other warm materials.
2. Dress Shirts/Blouses: Short-sleeve or long-sleeve, focusing on light and breathable fabrics.	2. Dress Shirts/Blouses: Long-sleeve, possibly with thermal undershirts.
3. Lightweight Dresses/Skirts: Professional, modest, and comfortable.	3. Warm Dresses/Skirts: Layer with tights or leggings.
4. Pants: Lightweight, breathable fabrics such as cotton or linen.	4. Pants: Thicker fabrics like wool or flannel.
5. Casual Wear: T-shirts, shorts, and casual dresses for off-hours.	5. Casual Wear: Long-sleeve tops, sweaters, and warm trousers.
6. Cardigan/Light Jacket: For cooler evenings or heavily air- conditioned offices.	6. Heavy Coat: A warm, professional-looking coat for outdoor wear.
7. Undergarments: Adequate for your stay.	7. Layering Pieces: Sweaters, cardigans, and thermal tops.
8. Comfortable Shoes: Dress shoes for work, comfortable walking shoes, and sandals for casual wear.	8. Undergarments: Thermal underwear for extra warmth.
9. Accessories: Sunglasses, hats, and a lightweight scarf.	9. Accessories: Gloves, hats, scarves, and warm socks.
10. Footwear: Comfortable footwear with good traction (many slippery areas on campus)	10. Footwear: Insulated, waterproof boots for colder weather and dress shoes for work (keep in mind traction).

Personal Care *Most items you can find through online shopping, but you may need to adjust a month or so prior to being able to set up your bank account with the mobile apps.

	1. Deodorant: Not as common to find in local stores		1. Moisturizing Skincare: Rich moisturizers and lip balm to prevent dry skin.			
	2. Preferred products: Specialty to your preference		2. Hand Cream: To keep hands from getting chapped in the cold.			
	3. (Optional) Hydrating Skincare: Moisturizers and hydrating masks for hot and humid weather		3. Hair Care: Anti-frizz products for dry winter air.			
	4. (Optional) Insect Repellent: To protect against mosquitoes		4. Preferred products: Specialty to your preference			
	5. Sunscreen: High SPF for protection against strong UV rays		4. (Optional) Lip balm/Chapstick: Keep your lips comfortable			
	6. Hair Care: Specific products (hair type, organic, etc.)					
	6. Tampons: Not as common to find in local stores					
Other						
	(Optional) Umbrella		Specialty supplements or medicine (if needed)			
	Snacks, comfort food, comfort seasonings/sauces		(Optional) Dryer sheets - not common in local markets			
	Suggested small gifts or snacks from your home country (excellent gifts - don't need to be expensive—a small gift goes a long way)		(Optional) Extra large towel - Not so common			
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