

Mechanical Engineering

Basic School Supplies

One of the most stressful parts of preparing for the new semester is figuring out what to take with you on the first day of classes. Here are some tips and suggestions for what you should take with you to class.

First off, the first day of classes is known as “Syllabus Day”. Typically, professors will walk students through the course syllabus which will include everything you will need for the course. Majority of needed materials can be purchased at the NMT Bookstore or Walmart in Socorro.

Now, it’s very stressful to wait and see what supplies you will need the day classes start. Here are some basic supplies that are handy to have on you in every class.

- Some kind of writing tool (pen, pencil, stylus, etc.)
- Some kind of writing material (notebook, loose leaf binder, tablet, etc.)
- Calculator (a graphing calculator is a great investment but some courses require scientific calculators so having access to both a graphing and non graphing calculator is smart)
- Textbook (it can be very useful to bring your textbooks to class, sometimes professors will work examples and read the problem statement but only write out the key points)
- Laptop or Tablet (being able to access online information during lecture can be helpful, like lecture slides or software packages) Bringing a laptop or tablet can all be a personal preference in terms of writing notes on paper vs on a tablet.

Here are some specific materials that you will need for at least one class during your undergraduate.

- Laboratory Notebook with Carbon Paper (This will be require for General Chemistry I & II and can be purchased from the NMT Bookstore)
- Iclickers (Iclickers are a tool that allow students to be able to answer multiple choice questions posed by the professor. Iclickers are used in various general studies classes. They can be purchased at the NMT Bookstore or you can download the app for your phone and pay for a subscription)