

College Girl's Guide to a Perfect Fall Wardrobe

The essentials every girl needs for the fall season!

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Introduction

This manual is for college girls attending a university during the season of fall. If you acquire each of the essentials described, then you will have everything you need for a fabulous, fashion filled season and semester. No student wants to be the girl who is over dressed for class, but they also do not want to be the girl who looks like she just rolled out of bed. I will be showcasing the essentials for your wardrobe, from the ground up. With all of the information in the manual and the progress checklist found on page 25, you should have everything you need for the perfect fall wardrobe.



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Boots & Booties



Perfect Fall Boots



Boots & Booties

What to look for

- High quality
- Flat or low wide heel
- Hitting just below or at the knee for boots
- Booties should just cover the ankle
- Leather: good for any wet and cold weather



Caution: Boots that stop mid-calf will chop the line of your leg and cause you to appear shorter.



Tip: If you are trying to look taller wear over the knee boots, or ankle booties.

Keep in mind

Boots and booties are a major staple to any woman's fall wardrobe. You get what you pay for with boots, so consider them an investment. Boots can last a couple of years, so make sure you love them. It is okay to splurge on the purchase of boots. A college girl's boots need to be comfortable for walking around campus, and should be adaptable to dress up or dress down.

Recommended

Brown or tan boots are the most appropriate for fall. Black boots are good too, but black is even better for the winter.





Fall 2012 Trend Alert: Legwarmers with boots and booties are not only cute, but they are practical because they will keep you warm and comfy.




Leggings, Tights & Jeans



Leggings & Tights



Leggings

- Thick enough to be considered pants
- Black leggings will just fade to the background of the outfit
-  Tip: Black leggings are slimming.
- Do not be afraid of bold patterns and colors



(Allow the rest of your outfit to be neutral.)

Tights

- Sheer, so consider as an undergarment
-  Tip: If an outfit is not appropriate without tights, then wearing sheer tights does not make the outfit acceptable.
- Tights are a great way to incorporate a new trendy color
-  Fall 2012 Trend Alert: This season jewel tones are very popular, so try working these colors in by wearing colorful tights.




Jeans

Every girl knows that jean shopping can be a nightmare of an experience, but once you have the perfect pair nothing can stop you.



What to look for

- Correct size
 - ⚠ Caution: Buying a size too big will cause saggy jeans, and too small will create a muffin top.
 - What is it made of?
 - Look at the tag or ask for help. Are there materials in the denim that will cause it to stretch out as you wear them? Take this into consideration when deciding what size to buy.
 - What kind of care will they need?
 - If they have spandex in them, wash cold and hang to dry. This will keep the spandex from deteriorating and stretching out. The sales associate, at the store, should be knowledgeable about how the denim needs to be cared for.
-  Tip: The first time you wash a pair of dark denim, shock the dye. This helps the jeans keep their color and stops the dye from rubbing off. You will just need regular vinegar and to wash the jeans by themselves.

Recommended

Dark skinny jeans are great for wearing with boots. Dark skinny jeans are basic enough for casual outfits or can easily be dressed up.





Fall 2012 Trend Alert: Colored and patterned jeans are very popular this season. Colors and patterns are a great way to revamp classic jeans, and make them a modern and trendy pant.



Not your mother's jeans, but just as comfortable.

Dresses & Skirts



Dresses & Skirts

What to look for

- Solid color
- Flattering cut for you
- Unique details
- Keep in mind what you will wear it with

Recommended

Look for solid neutral skirts or dresses, which have a unique detail about them. Try an accordion pleat or sweetheart neckline.



Sweaters, Blazers & Jackets



Sweaters, Blazers & Jackets

Blazers and jackets can make a great silhouette for an outfit with their structure. Sweaters on the other hand have no structure, but still keep you warm and add texture to the outfit.

Sweater

- Open or Pullover
- Sweater dresses: ideal for leggings.

Blazer

- Great for dressing up
- Fit is important
- Flattering silhouette

Jacket

- Warmth is the most important thing
 - Once you get to your class you will most likely take it off, so be sure it will keep you warm as you walk.



Fall 2012 Trend Alert: Trench coats will always be in style, and are very popular this season.



Scarfs & Nail Polish



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Scarfs

A scarf is the finishing touch to a fall outfit. A scarf not only keeps your neck warm, but it can be a fashion statement. Scarfs are pretty sensibly priced, so it is a good idea to have a few different styles.

What to look for

- Warmth
- Fun colors and textures
- Variety of lengths and thickness



Nail Polish

Nail polish is a fun, inexpensive, and easy way to keep up with fashion trends. This fall jewel tones and metallic are very popular colors. You just need to paint your nails a trendy fall color. Nail polish is a great way to experiment because changing your nail color is easy and temporary.



Tip: Always use a base coat and top coat. It is healthier for your nails, the polish will be a truer color and last longer.



The Progress of Your Fall Wardrobe



Helpful checklist to guide you, as you build your fall wardrobe



The Progress of Your Fall Wardrobe

Use the checklist below, to track the progress of your fall wardrobe. Included in the checklist is a brief reminder of what to look for, in the description column. There is also a price range category, so you know the minimum and maximum to expect for each item. Be sure to shop the sales if you are on the average college girl's budget. Once you have the item(s), feel free to check them off.

Item	Description	Price Range	Your Wardrobe
Boots & Booties	High quality, brown or tan, don't get boots that stop mid-calf	\$20-\$100	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leggings & Tights	Solid black leggings, subtle patterned and plain tights	\$5-\$25	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeans	Well fitting, dark rinse, skinny and or boot cut jeans	\$25-70	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dresses & Skirts	Solid color that looks good on you. Classic styles and unique qualities	\$10-\$95	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sweaters, Blazers, & Jackets	Warm, silhouette, variety of colors and textures	\$20-\$60	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scarfs	Variety of lengths, colors, fabrics, and styles	\$2-\$25	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nail polish	Jewel tones, nude, metallic, base and topcoat	\$1-15	<input type="checkbox"/>

Conclusion

Now that you have the knowledge from this guide to the perfect fall wardrobe, you should be able to use the progress checklist, on page 25, to complete your fall wardrobe. As you attend classes during the fall semester you should have all of the essentials needed for the season. It is possible to purchase at least one item from every category for as low as \$85, if you shop the sales and buy the less expensive options. Depending on what type of budget you live on while attending college, you can decide for yourself the amount you will spend.

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