

Federal OCS Packing List:

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APPLICABILITY. This document applies to Officer Candidates assigned to 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment. Direct Commission Course OCS students please refer to this hyperlink: <https://www.benning.army.mil/Infantry/199th/DCC/>

Official Website for Federal OCS Welcome Letter and Packing List:
<https://www.benning.army.mil/infantry/199th/ocs/>

GOAL: All OCs will strive to arrive to the Federal Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA, with a complete packing list. Apart from any required CIF additional equipment not already issued to the Soldier, Soldiers will make every effort to have all items listed on the Packing List that was provided to them during or before BCT or from their sending unit. Upon arrival to OCS, candidates may have the opportunity to purchase packing list items and other necessities at a local post-exchange on a limited basis.

NOTE: All In-Service Soldiers will bring their OCIE, section H, to OCS. There will be a time to go to CIF during OCS for those candidates that were never issued items on the packing list. Fort Benning CIF will no longer issue the complete OCIE packing list for use at OCS. Failure to bring issued equipment may result in the student not classing up, or an initial spot report. All equipment is based on what you were issued. The medium ruck and fighting load carrier (FLC) are authorized for use based on what was issued. Students may continue to use UCP OCIE equipment until prohibited by Army policy. Cold weather is required for all seasons as a contingency in case of recycle. National Guard & Reserve Soldiers, ensure your status is not “**In Transit**” in ISM and that you are attached to your unit UIC in order for you to draw TA-50/Equipment at the Fort Benning CIF. The S1 shop will depart and arrive Soldiers to the student UIC at in-processing.

Required Items listed are either provided at Basic Training (for 09S), provided by CIF, or for personal purchase.

Reminder to all 09S- It is not the responsibility of your respective basic training commanders to provide time to purchase the OCS packing list. As future officers, it is imperative that you take the initiative to research and acquire proper items before the start of OCS. Upon receiving the packing list, it is advisable to prepare the list promptly.

RECOMMENDATION. Packing list updates are staffed by holdover 2LTs. Consolidate packing list improvement recommendations with student leadership prior to graduation.

All Uniform items will be in accordance with AR 670-1

A. REQUIRED ARMY COMBAT UNIFORM (ACU) ITEMS

(Previously Issued and/or Personal Purchase)

QTY	UI	ITEM DESCRIPTION
4	EA	ACU Coat (OCP)
4	EA	ACU Trousers (OCP)
1	EA	American Flag subdued (personal purchase required)
2	EA	American Flag color
2	EA	Name tape
2	EA	US Army tape
1	EA	Belt, Riggers, Tan 499
2	PR	Boots, Combat, Coyote, Leather
2	EA	Cap, Patrol with nametape
2	PA	ID tags and chains, long and short
7	PA	Socks, boot, black, green, or brown
7	EA	Undershirt, tan 499
7	EA	Underpants
7	EA	Brassieres (female) (sports brassieres authorized)

Note for sections B and C: You can bring either ASUs or AGSUs or both as the ASU is more appropriate for social events. Both uniforms are valid service uniforms for OCS until the AGSU mandatory possession date (Oct. 1, 2027). AGSUs will be the graduation uniform effective FY28.

B. Required ARMY SERVICE UNIFORM (ASU) CLOTHING ITEMS

(Previously Issued and/or Personal Purchase)

QTY	UI	ITEM DESCRIPTION
1	EA	Web belt, black 1" with brass tip
1	EA	Belt buckle, "Sta-Brite"
2	EA	White undershirt, cotton, crew neck
1	PR	Dress gloves, black (optional if not issued)
2	PR	Socks, black
1	EA	Beret, Wool, black
2	EA	Name plate plastic, ASU uniform
1	EA	Necktie, black (male)
1	EA	Bow tie, black (male)
1	PR	Dress shoes, Low Quarters
1	EA	Neck tab (female)
1	EA	ASU Jacket, blue

1	EA	ASU Service Shirt, White, long sleeve
1	EA	ASU Service Shirt, White, short sleeve
1	EA	ASU Trousers, blue (male)
1	EA	ASU Slacks, blue (skirt optional for females)
1	EA	All weather coat

C. REQUIRED ARMY GREEN SERVICE UNIFORM (AGSU) CLOTHING ITEMS
(Previously Issued and/or Personal Purchase)

QTY	UI	ITEM DESCRIPTION
1	EA	Coat, heritage green
1	EA	Trousers or slacks, heritage taupe (skirt optional for females)
2	EA	White undershirt, cotton, crew neck
2	EA	Shirt, short, heritage tan (Officer) (personal purchase required)
2	EA	Shirt, long, heritage tan (Officer) (personal purchase required)
1	EA	Necktie, heritage green, service
1	EA	Belt, heritage walnut web waist; and buckle, open face
1	EA	Garrison cap, Army green (Service cap is authorized, but optional)
1	EA	Oxford, walnut brown
2	PR	Socks, brown
1	EA	All weather coat
2	EA	Name plate plastic, AGSU uniform
1	EA	US Army Infantry School "Follow Me" Patch, Blue (optional for In-Service & required for 09S, regardless of prior service)
2	EA	11th Infantry Regiment Crest, "Sta-Brite" worn on shoulder loops only (optional for In-Service & required for 09S)

D. REQUIRED ARMY PHYSICAL FITNESS UNIFORM ITEMS (APFU)
(Previously Issued and/or Personal Purchase)

QTY	UI	ITEM DESCRIPTION
2	EA	Reflective Belt, Neon Yellow
3	EA	Shorts, Physical Fitness Uniform (Recommend 5)
3	EA	Shirt, Physical Fitness Uniform, short sleeve (Recommend 5)
3	EA	Shirt, Physical Fitness Uniform, long sleeve (Recommend 5)
1	PR	Running shoes
6	PR	White or Black socks, cotton, athletic (socks must cover the ankle bone - no logos)
1	EA	Jacket, Physical Fitness Uniform
1	EA	Pants, Physical Fitness Uniform
1	EA	Cap, Microfleece, Black
1	EA	Gloves, Black (no logos)

E. REQUIRED GENERAL USE ITEMS & EQUIPMENT**(Previously Issued and/or Personal Purchase)**

QTY	UI	ITEM DESCRIPTION
2	EA	Army Issued brown, green, or black towels, cotton (non-issued authorized)
2	EA	Army Issued brown, green, or black towels, face cloth, cotton (non-issued authorized)
1	EA	Bag, toiletry, any color, with personal hygiene items
1	KIT	Hygiene items (shaving cream, toothpaste, soap, toothbrush, razors, deodorant, foot powder, toothbrush holder, feminine hygiene products)
1	EA	Laundry Detergent (6-week supply)
1	PR	Shower Shoes
2	EA	Combination locks (key locks or luggage locks are not Allowed)
12	EA	Matching hangers
5	EA	Pen, ball point, black
5	EA	Pencil, mechanical
2	EA	Permanent marker, black
1	EA	Cloth tape, white, 1" wide
1	EA	Wristwatch (No GPS Enabled)
1	EA	Set of 7x Super-fine permanent alcohol markers (Black, Blue, Red, Green, Purple, Brown, Orange) (map markers)
1	EA	Eraser pen for alcohol markers
1	EA	Military protractor
1	EA	Headlamp with batteries (red and white lens) 300 lumen limit Example: Princeton Tec Remix Pro 300 LED Headlamp
1	PK	Extra batteries for headlamp
1	EA	Camouflage pack or stick (light green & loam colors)
1	EA	100 FT 550 parachute cord
1	EA	Whistle
1	EA	12-inch ruler
1	EA	Box, zip lock bags (Quart size)
1	EA	Box, zip lock bags (Gallon size)
1	EA	Insect repellent
1	EA	Bottle sunscreen
1	EA	M4 Weapons cleaning kit
1	EA	Stencil (3/4-inch letters)
1	EA	200-page spiral notebook 8.5" x 11"

F. REQUIRED OCS ITEMS

(Personal Purchase)

QTY	UI	ITEM DESCRIPTION
1	EA	2.5in shackle combination lock (key locks, luggage locks are not allowed)
2	EA	U.S. Insignia, Officer, "Sta-Brite"
2	EA	OCS Insignia, "Sta-Brite"
1	EA	OCS Insignia, Subdued
2	EA	OCS Insignia, Subdued Patch
2	EA	US Army Infantry School "Follow Me" patch, Subdued
1	EA	Ascot, White, OCS Logo
2	EA	2LT Pin on Rank, Subdued
2	EA	2LT Pin on Rank, Non-Subdued
2	EA	2LT OCP Top Rank Patch, Sew-On (recommended) or Velcro
2	EA	2LT Patrol Cap Rank Patch, Sew-On
1	EA	Silver dollar

G. REQUIRED BUSINESS CASUAL CLOTHING**(Personal Purchase)**

QTY	UI	ITEM DESCRIPTION
1	EA	Dress pants/slacks (Chino style, neutral color. No Capri or Jeans-Recommend 2)
1	PR	Leather dress shoes
1	EA	Leather dress belt
1	EA	Conservative, Solid Colored, Collared shirt, season appropriate (Recommend 2)
1	EA	Civilian jacket (Appropriate for social events. NO Hoodies, Sweaters, Fleece, or Denim)

Note for section H: All In-Service students (Active, NG, USAR) will bring items listed below on their OCIE records. They may receive a supplemental issue at fort Benning CIF for items not previously issued. All 09S will conduct a partial draw for items that were returned following basic training such as complete sleeping system, ACH etc.

H. REQUIRED ORGANIZATIONAL CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT**(Previously issued or Issued by CIF)**

QTY	UI	ITEM DESCRIPTION
		Helmet, Advanced Combat, consists of the following:
1	EA	Pads, Helmet ACH
1	EA	Helmet, Retention System
1	EA	Cover Helmet, ACH (OCP)

		Field Pack Large or Medium Ruck, consists of the following:
1	EA	Frame Pack MOLLE
1	EA	Rucksack, Large Field Pack
2	EA	Sustainment Pouch
1	EA	Molded Waist Belt
1	EA	Enhanced, Frame Shoulder Straps
2	EA	Load Lifter, Attachment Strap
		Individual First Aid Kit (IFAK), consists of the following:
1	EA	Pouch, IFAK II OCP
1	EA	Insert Individual Utility
2	EA	Pouch, Individual Utility
		Rifleman Set OCP w/TAP or FLC, consists of the following:
1	EA	Assault Pack
1	EA	Tactical Assault Panel
2	EA	Pouch, Canteen
2	EA	Carrier, Grenade
2	EA	Pocket, Ammunition Magazine
1	EA	Waist Pack
1	EA	Bag, Ammunition
1	EA	Flash Bang Pouch, Grenade
3	EA	Pocket, Ammunition Magazine
		Hydration System, consists of the following:
1	EA	CARRIER Hydration System (Camel Bak)
1	EA	Bladder, Hydration System
2	EA	Canteen Plastic 1QT
1	EA	Cup Canteen w/Handle
		Modular Sleeping System, consists of the following:
1	EA	Cover, BIVY
1	EA	Stuff Sack, Small
1	EA	Stuff Sack, Large
1	EA	Sleeping, Bag, Urban Gray
1	EA	Sleeping, Bag, Foliage Green
1	EA	Inflatable Sleeping Mat
1	EA	MAT Sleeping (SGI)
		Extended Cold Weather Clothing System GEN III OCP - Top
2	EA	Undershirt, Lightweight Cold Weather (Layer 1)
1	EA	Shirt, Midweight Cold Weather (Layer 2)
1	EA	Jacket, Fleece, CW, FG, ECWCS Gen III (Layer 3)
1	EA	Jacket, Wind, Lightweight, OCP, ECWCS Gen III (Layer 4)
1	EA	Jacket, CW, Mid Weight (Soft Shell), OCP (Layer 5)
1	EA	Jacket, Wet /Cold Weather, OCP, Gen III (Layer 6)

		Extended Cold Weather Clothing System GEN III OCP - Bottom
2	EA	Drawers, Lightweight Cold Weather (Layer 1)
1	EA	Drawers, Midweight Cold Weather (Layer 2)
1	EA	Trousers, CW Mid Weight (Soft Shell), OCP ECWCS Gen III (Layer 5)
1	EA	Trousers, Wet/Cold Weather, OCP, Gen III (Layer 6)
1	EA	Elbow / Knee Pad Set OCP (optional)
1	EA	Bag Waterproof
1	EA	Ballistic Eyewear (APEL approved)
1	EA	Carrier, Entrenching Tool
1	EA	Entrenching Tool
1	EA	Glove, Combat
1	EA	Neck Gaiter (Brown)
1	EA	Bag, Barracks
1	EA	Bag, Duffel
1	EA	Tarp/Poncho (OCP/ACU)

I. UNAUTHORIZED & RESTRICTED ITEMS

1. The following items are unauthorized by the OCS Commandant.
 - a. Tobacco or other Nicotine Products.
 - b. Cleaning agents for weapons that were not approved by Company CDR/1SG.
 - c. Stoves, hotplates, etc.
 - d. Bayonets or knives over 3".
 - e. Pornography (physical or digital) or sexually provocative material otherwise unacceptable under US Army SHARP policies.
 - f. Alcohol (Designated places and times by cadre only).
 - g. Performance supplements and over the counter medication. Over-the-counter medication may be authorized by company commanders or medical professionals.
 - h. Stand-alone GPS devices.
 - i. "Minimalist shoes" which are defined as: light weight track/road racing flats, racing spikes, toe shoes, or shoes that simulate barefoot running.
 - j. Video game hardware. Personal computers, tablets, and cellular telephones with video gaming software are not prohibited, however use of personal devices remains restricted by phase.
2. Upon arrival and in-processing, students will receive a copy of the packing list and unauthorized items list. Once an inventory has been completed, you will be held

accountable for violations of this list. If any unauthorized items are found in your possession after the inventory is completed, you may be recycled /dismissed from the course.

3. Restricted Use Items. The following items have been designated Restricted Use Items by the OCS Commandant. On the first day of the course, Officer Candidates are restricted in their use. Some items may be granted for use by the Commandant throughout the course. These items are restricted due to factors of safety, health, welfare and cleanliness of company facilities. This list is not all inclusive. Items that are not listed below are subject to Commander discretion. If you have a question concerning a particular item, ask your Platoon Trainer for additional guidance.

a. Food (to include gum and candy). No food items will be taken into the barracks, to include day rooms.

b. Cosmetics. Worn/used IAW AR 670-1.

c. Hair nets & curlers.

d. Perfumes or colognes.

e. Body sprays.

f. Personal electronics.

g. Laptop / tablet-type computers. (For use during Study Time- Students are responsible for securing these devices).

h. GPS enabled items (e.g. watches, cell phones- designated places and times only).

i. Civilian clothes. (May be worn during personal time or pass).

j. Any lotion other than non-scented.

J. ADDITIONAL NOTES

1. At least six weeks supply of laundry items will be needed at the start of OCS (toothpaste, razors, shampoo, soap, laundry detergent, etc.).

2. No items in glass containers should be brought to OCS.

3. Two pairs of military issue glasses of current prescription and a set of protective mask inserts are required for individuals requiring glasses for vision correction. Contact lenses and civilian eyewear are authorized. Contact lenses will not be worn during field conditions.

4. \$350 in cash is necessary for class dues, which cover class events and other OCS traditions (challenge coins, clothing, class gift, etc.). Specific costs are determined by the class student council and vary from class to class.

5. Cosmetics, perfumes, colognes, fragranced lotions, soaps, and hair care products are not allowed for use until authorized by cadre. If there are items in question that may be authorized but are not listed, they may be purchased locally once approved by your Company Commander.

6. A personal laptop/computer is highly recommended for authorized use throughout OCS. Network access is available for a fee (Boingo Wifi). Alumni often recommend small printers shared by squads.

7. Up to two additional OCP uniforms are authorized for the various combat focused training events during OCS. These include activities such as the Obstacle courses and the Leaders Reaction Course.

8. Ribbons, medals and badges, patches, etc. will be worn on the ASU or AGSU in accordance with AR/DA PAM 670-1 standards. Please note that Army regulation does not authorize wear of "combat patches" from prior sister service. Fraternal awards may be worn at graduation socials but not at graduation or otherwise while on duty.

9. Sewn on US Army tape and nametape is authorized on the ACU.

10. Active recovery items such as foam rollers and exercise bands are authorized.

11. Note that Students only have the capacity of a personal drawer for miscellaneous items.

12. All effects in the barracks will be displayed and items stored IAW the SOP. Items that cannot be displayed in accordance with the SOP are inherently unauthorized. Do not bring or order unnecessary items that cannot be stored within your baggage or within your personal desk drawer. Examples of unacceptable items include inflatable mattresses and large musical instruments such as electronic keyboards.