

You can send a friend studying abroad a local flower delivery, a digital gift card, a small care package, or something personal from home. Choose a gift that suits their living space and daily routine, and check delivery rules before sending anything across a border.

Choose a gift that fits their life

Flowers can brighten a dorm room or shared apartment without taking up much space. A small bouquet is easier to accommodate than a large arrangement, especially if your friend has limited room. Ask a local florist to deliver the flowers in a container if your friend may not have a vase.

A digital gift can be useful when you do not know their address or delivery schedule. Consider a gift card for a food delivery service, a book, or an online class. Check that it can be redeemed in the country where your friend is living and that the service is available in their area.

If you know what they miss from home, a small package can feel thoughtful. Keep it light and pick things they will use rather than items that need storage. These ideas are a good place to start:

- A handwritten letter and a few printed photos
- A notebook for class notes or travel plans
- A compact reusable bag or a pair of warm socks
- Packaged snacks that meet the destination's import rules
- A small, unframed print that is easy to carry home

Make delivery easier

Before ordering, confirm your friend's full address, including their room number and any instructions for the building. Student housing may have a reception desk, a parcel room, or rules about accepting deliveries. Your friend may need to collect a package rather than receive it at their door.

Think about timing, too. A bouquet is best sent when someone will be there to receive it, while a parcel can arrive during a trip or exam week. If the gift is a surprise, a quick message about their schedule can still help without giving away the details.

Ordering from a business in your friend's country can avoid an international shipment. It may also make it easier to arrange delivery around their local time. For a digital gift, include a note explaining how to use it and check that the message reaches an address they use.

Check what you can send

International parcels can be delayed, and the recipient may have to pay customs charges. Rules differ by destination, so check the postal service and the destination country's customs guidance before packing. Food, seeds, plants, and products containing animal ingredients can be restricted.

Keep the contents clearly labeled and complete any required customs declaration accurately. Avoid sending anything fragile unless you can pack it securely. If the rules are unclear, a letter or a gift purchased locally is a simpler choice.

A short note can make even a practical gift feel personal. Tell your friend why you chose it, and let them know you are thinking of them.

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