

Bringing Items to ECU

If you have traveled outside the US and are bringing items back into the country, those items must be declared to US Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

See US CBP's website https://help.cbp.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/1239/~/_what-must-be-declared-when-entering-the-u.s for more information.

Not aware that you will bring any items back to the US?

If you return to the US and were not aware prior to your departure from the US that you would return with items, complete your Customs Form and take it to the CBP agent upon arrival in the US.

Remember that the value declared must be the fair market value for items that were provided to you free of charge, such as for a repair made to equipment, or for a biological specimen given to you from a research sponsor. If you acquired the goods somehow, you still must declare the fair market value; the most likely example would be for specimens gathered in the wild or from an archaeological site.

Be sure to check prohibited items, and items that will require Partner Government Agency release, prior to bring such items into the US. These are located at the following link.

<https://www.cbp.gov/travel/us-citizens/know-before-you-go/prohibited-and-restricted-items>

Aware that you will return to the US with items?

If you plan to return to the US and know that you will be bringing items with you, contact ECUExportControls@ecu.edu and we can provide you with a pro forma invoice for US Customs clearance purposes, help you understand any additional Partner Government Agency requirements, and anticipate any duties, taxes, or fees that might apply.