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It's not easy splurging in college, but there are some *pricier* things that are vital to a girl boss's life. Here are six of them.

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Flattering Denim

There's nothing better than feeling confident in a pair of jeans. A good pair can last for years and make any woman feel a little more put together. Jeans are never all that cheap, even at the least expensive of places. But purchasing a durable pair will avoid the chances of having to go out and buy new, semi-expensive ones. For the most timeless look, stay away from fancy washes, fits, and pocket designs. If they look killer on you, they'll never go out of style. Wear 'em to class, thrown on with a pair of heels for a night out, or for a casual date night. For a busy girl on the go, it's completely necessary to have great denim for any type of occasion (even just as a confidence booster).

White Sneaks

Having a crisp pair of comfy white tennis shoes can make any outfit chic. Sneaks are perfect for class, errands, meetings, or any casual day-to-day activity. It's easy to pair this fan-favorite with anything from jeans to dresses. Finding your go-to pair isn't all that hard and can be quite affordable. There are many styles to play around with when sneaker shopping. For a more bohemian-slash-skater look, try on a pair of leather white slip-on Vans. For a city street look, rock a pair of Nike Air Force 1's. Besides being the most practical footwear, the styles and uses of sneakers are endless. Investing in a good pair will get you through every season and will brighten up any look.

A Cozy Cardigan

Winter is here, and so is layering season. Being able to grab a warm cardigan is essential for winter time. Picking out neutral, cozy knits can save the day in frigid classrooms. Plus, it will totally amp up a graphic or plain tee on a chilly day. It's also important to have quality cardigans so you can incorporate some of your fall or spring items into your winter wardrobe. Throw on your spring and fall tees with a scarf and sweater and you have a winterized look.

A Sturdy Tote

Not only are bags an expression of who you are, they're also important for any girl boss. Any busy gal can relate to the rush of going from classes to club meetings to a friend's place and never being able to go home. Here's your solution: the perfect bag. When choosing a backpack, consider what compartments you need and how practical it will be in everyday life. Make sure it's big enough so you can fit all your essential daily items (books, laptop, tampons, and snacks, of course). It's also important to keep in mind that you should choose a bag that is functional for your internship and classroom so it can be utilized for years and years. Backpacks are more acceptable in the workplace as walking becomes more common, so when you're thinking of purchasing one, make sure it's classy enough to tote to work post-grad.

A Solid Professional Outfit

It's hard to know when a moment of opportunity will come. So be prepared—who knows when a door to your dream internship could open, or when a networking event will lead to a job offer. Find an outfit you can look gorge and professional in, and it will push you to pursue your dreams. Never underestimate the power of a professional #lewk. Don't know where to start shopping for one? Check places such as H&M, Express, and Banana Republic for the ultimate girl-boss business attire. Investing more money in a professional look will eventually pay itself off. Plan ahead, invest, and be prepared with your outfits for interviews.

The LBD

Every woman needs a versatile Little Black Dress that makes her feel confident, sexy, and smart no matter what she pairs it with. When it comes to LBD's, take it from us and don't focus on trends. Just like your dream jeans, if the dress is flattering and makes you feel good, it will never go out of style. You can find a great dress at department stores like Bloomingdale's, or places like LOFT or Reformation. Just remember that LBD shopping is like a wedding dress or a good boyfriend: when you try it on, you'll just know.

