a seasonless blazer
For men, a good blazer is practically priceless, its wearability endless: cool-weather cover-up, officewear to outerwear, a dressed-up alternative to the typical hoodie/jeans combo. Clean lines, high quality, and simplicity are the rules of thumb when picking out a blazer that will work overtime — and stand the test of time. Our pick: Dries Van Noten blazer, $1125 at Louis Boston (234 Berkeley Street, Boston, 617.262.6100).

a timeless timepiece
The typical guy’s accessory collection is generally a couple of belts, a few hats, and that’s about it. But functional accessory that deserves a prominent place in the wardrobe, it’s a great watch. Look for a timepiece that’s not being flashy, well-designed yet understated, with everything from a sweatshirt to a dress shirt. Our pick: Armani men’s watch, $325 at Macy’s (450 Washington St, Boston, 617.357.3000).

the little black dress
Iconic. Chic. Smart. Every woman needs a great-fitting little black dress that has the versatility to move from season to season in a cinch. Long story short: the LBD is a wardrobe wonder to get your hands on ASAP. Our pick: Dolce & Gabbana satin dress, $1195 at Saks Fifth Avenue (800 Boylston Street, Boston, 617.262.8500).

a carry-all overnight bag
Sure, a canvas promotional tote from your last business trip could double as a weekender bag, but is that really the style statement you want to make? A spacious carry-all duffel in a durable fabric — nylon and leather are good choices — is a worthwhile investment, whether you’re the lucky little globetrotter who whisks away on international getaways or you just use your bag to lug your delicacies to the dry cleaner. Our pick: GoGo Voyage bag, $410 at Passport (43 Brattle Street, Cambridge, 617.576.0900).
A REAL TRIP
HAVING GROWN up in Cambridge, Jessica Good, a frequent traveler, thought it was only logical to open her travel boutique, Passport, in the heart of Harvard Square. The store is stocked with easily packable gear and clothing, most of which she’s tested personally over the course of her own journeys. Now that she’s a store owner, her passport is getting a much-needed rest and she has an excuse to spend her nights hanging out around Harvard Square.

@ 6:15 p.m.: I’ll still be shuttling down the store and locking up. I’ve been trying to get my friends over to the Square because there’s so much to do, so I’ll have them meet me at the store before we head out.

@ 7:30 p.m.: I like to eat pretty late, so first we’ll do something fun, like take in a movie at the Brattle Theatre in Cambridge. I love old movies and they just did a Bette Davis series.

@ 9:45 p.m.: Afterward, we like to go to Z Square, especially while the patio is still open. They have the best crêpes, all different kinds, so we’ll split a couple, both savory and dessert ones. And they have great key lime martinis.

@ midnight: From there, I might head over to Charlie’s Kitchen and hang out for a couple beers in their beer garden if it’s nice.

@ 2 a.m.: I’m a late-night person and would probably come home and check my work e-mail. My two best friends usually come back and hang out at our place, so we’ll have one more drink before bed. Then, eventually, we’ll crash.

— Erin Byers Murray