Kent State University College of Architecture and Environmental Design

Required materials for Architectural Studies

BA in ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES STUDIO MATERIALS LIST

This list applies to all students enrolled in ARCS 10123, ARCS 20123, ARCS 20124 and ARCS 20125

To Be Provided by the College of Architecture and Environmental Design:

- Drafting lamp (yours to use while enrolled in studio)
- Storage cabinet (yours to use while enrolled in studio)

To be purchased by the student:

- Drafting Chair [While there are many acceptable options from which to choose, the Boss B16216 Mesh Drafting Stool with adjustable seat and with or without arms (available from Amazon and numerous other online retailers) is recommended. In addition, we recommend that you purchase a set of soft rubber caster wheels (also available on Amazon for around $15) as the hard casters standard on this type of chair will not effectively grip the polished concrete floors in the new building. Of course you DO NOT need to purchase this particular chair but do remember that you will be using this for the next 4 years and comfort and durability are key. Students are encouraged to use a cable lock to secure their stool to their assigned desk. During the semester, students usually leave their supplies and stools locked up in studio as we encourage you to do most if not all your studio work in the studio.]
- Selection of Fine Art Pencils (minimum 2 each H, HB, 2B, 4B)
- Good quality pencil sharpener
- 8" Acrylic Adjustable Triangle
- Magic Rub Eraser
- Kneaded eraser
- Metal Erasing Shield
- Triangular Architect’s Scale
- Triangular Engineer’s Scale
- Drafting tape (not masking tape)
- X-Acto Knife and No. 11 Blades
- Vinyl Self-healing Cutting Mat (18 x 24)
- 24” Flexible Stainless Steel Flat Ruler with Cork Backing
- Scissors
- Rubber Cement
- India Ink
- Painting Supplies
  - A minimum of 3 different sized brushes (make sure they are for water-based media and not for oil)
  - A palette of some type such as a tin or glass pie plate
  - 2-3 small jars for water
- Compressed Charcoal Sticks (not vine)
- 18” Roll Yellow/White Tracing Paper
- 19” X 24” Strathmore Bristol Vellum Tablet (no spiral bound – no exceptions!)
- 5” X 8.25” Sketchbook
- Stainless steel push pins (box of 100)
- Storage box for organizing supplies (something to keep your smaller tools organized inside the lockable storage cabinet we will provide you with -- can be as simple as a small plastic storage bin or as fancy as an art supply tackle box)
- Combination or key lock to secure your storage locker

The following items will need to be purchased as specific exercises/projects are assigned:

- Model Building Materials (chip board, pulp board, museum board, bass wood, foam core, etc.)
- Various Model Building Glues (Sobo, Tacky Glue, etc.)
- A camera (high quality cellular phone, manual, digital, and/or throw away). You may plan to share with other students.
- An artist’s quality watercolor set (tubes only!! Wait to purchase until you arrive on campus)
**Materials** can be purchased online or from the following local supply locations when you arrive on campus:

- Kent State University Bookstore
- All Media Art Supply, 417 E. Main Street, Kent, OH
- Utrecht
- AA Blueprint
- Pat Catan
- Office Max
- Staples

In addition, a Blick-U shopping list has been created at Dick Blick. You may find the list by clicking here. Make sure you use the list for the BA in Architectural Studies at Kent State University (I.E. NOT ARCHITECTURE OR INTERIOR DESIGN). Dick Blick often offers a 20% (or greater) discount and free shipping for orders over $45. This list has been created for your information and convenience – please feel free to shop around for comparable supplies and/or better prices.

**COMPUTER REQUIREMENT** CAED requires that students entering the CAED have a mid-range to high-end consumer-grade laptop. Please see [https://www.kent.edu/caed/computer-requirements](https://www.kent.edu/caed/computer-requirements) for detailed specifications. The College will update these specifications on an annual or biannual basis to match advances in software and hardware requirements. As a student in the BA in Architectural Studies, you are only required to purchase a computer that complies with the Construction Management/Architectural Studies specification. You are certainly welcome to purchase a computer that complies with the Architecture/Interior Design specification (a more robust machine), but it will probably be more expensive.

Please note that ARCS 10123 requires that the most current version of the following software packages is installed and running on your laptop *prior to the first week of class*:

- Adobe Creative Cloud Suite (click [here](https://www.kent.edu/caed/computer-requirements) for purchase information)
- Rhino (click [here](https://www.kent.edu/caed/computer-requirements) for purchase information)
- MS Word (click [here](https://www.kent.edu/caed/computer-requirements) for purchase information)