



Annapolis Valley Campus

Applied Media Communication Arts Supplies List for Middleton Campus- as of May 2011

(This list may change very slightly between May 2011 and September 2011 as the new AMCA curriculum is currently going through final revisions)

- Required Learning Resources – no textbooks are required, you will purchase a premium membership to Lynda.com for September, October, November and December 2011. Please go to the Lynda.com website and purchase your membership at the beginning of each month in September, October, November and December. You will also be required to purchase a premium membership for January, Feb, March and April 2012. As of May 2011 the price for a monthly premium subscription is \$37.50 USD. Please make sure you purchase the “Monthly Premium Subscription” as this is the only option that gives you full access to course files.
- You will need a recent digital camera to complete your assignments this year. One suggested camera is the Nikon Coolpix P500. Make sure your camera is able to shoot video. Make sure your SD card is class 6, 8 GB or higher to allow you to record, store and transfer video. Make sure you have access to a card reader that will read a class 6 SD card.
- Art and design supplies kit: Although most of the work is done on computer, students will do some traditional, hand drawn work. Each student is responsible to supply their own art and design supplies. Most students already own many of these basic art supplies, so think about what you really need to buy. Some of these supplies can be purchased at the dollar store or bargain shop, but certain items should be obtained from an art supply store. I have indicated below which items are OK to purchase from a dollar store or bargain shop and which items you should buy at a department store or art supply store.
- pens, highlighters
- one box of colored pencils- at least 12 good quality pencils (**buy these from a department store or art/craft supply store, not the dollar store**)
- good quality watercolors - the pan style is much preferable to tubes. Tube paints tend to dry out. (**buy these from a department store or art/craft supply store, not the dollar store**)
- one set of graphite drawing pencils, hard to soft leads (dollar store is OK for these!)
- erasers (dollar store is OK for these!)

- adhesives for mounting work: glue, scotch tape, rubber cement, some students prefer scrap book adhesives for mounting your work in your portfolio. What adhesive you use is a personal choice, based on your preferences and trial and error. Most students find rubber cement excellent because it allows them to reposition their work once it is mounted. Some students find scrapbook adhesives work great. Glue stick is not acceptable as it dries and your work will fall off the mounting board.
- cutters - 1 good pair of scissors, and 1 sharp utility knife (dollar store is OK for these!)
- tracing paper - you can get this at the dollar store.
- one sketchbook: 9 "x12 " - you can get this at the dollar store. If you would like a nicer sketchbook, buy one at an art supply store.
- two foldback clips - the larger size is better (1 or 2 inch). You can get these at the dollar store. These are very handy in the studio and especially when sketching outdoors.
- good quality brushes - one #6 nylon round and/or one #8 nylon round. These are two very versatile starter brushes that will be useful for many tasks. I purchase brushes from an art supply store but I have had some success lately with single nylon brushes from the dollar store and bargain shop. Make sure you avoid the packages of multiple brushes that are sold for a dollar as these quickly fall apart.
- one plastic palette for paint - you can get this at the dollar store or just use an old dinner plate. Anything flat, waterproof and white will work.
- a ruler with inch measurements.
- a box or container for your art supplies kit
- Binders (3 ring) to keep notes and handouts organized for quick and easy reference, as you will need to refer to handouts and information sheets. How many binders you need will depend on your personal preferences.
- Looseleaf: 1 pkg of looseleaf for taking notes, etc.
- Plastic page protectors (top loading, approx 20-30) - you will need these for handing in assignments, organizing handouts and notes, storing small pieces of artwork and organizing your portfolio. You can get good quality page protectors at the dollar store.
- 1 good quality binder for your portfolio. This must be purchased by September, as you will begin building your portfolio immediately.
- Mounting board: you will have to purchase mounting board (matboard) to mount projects. You can buy this at the campus bookstore. Most students purchase 3-4 sheets over the course of the academic year.

- Printing: each student receives a limited amount of print credits at the beginning of the year. These print credits are provided to account for mistakes and errors made by students. Color prints will consume many more of your print credits than black and white prints. Manage your print credits carefully. You are able to purchase print credits from the bookstore on campus.
- Media storage and backup: students are responsible for the safe storage and backup of their own files. Purchase an external hard drive or thumb drive/memory stick/jump drive for backing up your files and transporting your work from home to school. An external 300 GB hard drive should be sufficient to hold your images, videos and sound files this year but this will vary from student to student depending on the size and number of your files. If you do a lot of photo or video, you may need more backup memory.
- Day trips: as a class, we will take a number of day trips during the year, (perhaps to an art gallery, or to do sketching and photography, or any other learning activity). This could involve costs for gas, travel, admission, lunch, etc... Any trips we take will be announced in advance and we do our best to arrange car pooling.
- A set of inexpensive headphones for doing on-line tutorials, and for listening to audio CD's on the Mac computers.
- A set of expensive headphones for the "Sound Design 1 and Sound Design 2" class. We don't have the specs on this yet but we have been told to expect to spend approximately \$120.00
- A lock for your locker - bring this on the first day of classes so you can claim a locker.
- Photocopying: you can pay for this at the library.
- This list may not be comprehensive. New or interesting opportunities could arise during the year that might require small expenditures. For example, sometimes logo and design contests or workshops require a small entry fee and sometimes we have class potlucks and other events.

I have also updated the Middleton Applied Arts website - <http://www.bitpixie.com/>. There is AMCA program information there and some helpful information on the job market for creatives.

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