

CORNISH COLLEGE OF THE ARTS
SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

ART MAJORS

First Year Supplies and Materials 2026-2027

This supply list is for all incoming Art students at Cornish. It includes both technological and traditional materials required for a successful year as an Art Major. Please read this document thoroughly to ensure you're ready to go before classes begin!

Content:

- 1) Laptop requirements and recommendations
- 2) Supplies and Materials 2026-2027 (and beyond)

1. Incoming Student Laptop Requirements and Recommendations

As an Art Major, having a capable laptop is essential for your career. Therefore, all Art Majors are **required** to have a technologically advanced laptop (Apple or PC), a subscription to Adobe Creative Cloud, and an external Solid State Drive (SSD).

Important Note: Only information provided by Seattle University Admissions or your program's Chair regarding these requirements is accurate. ***Do not listen to anyone who suggests downloading bootleg Adobe software for free or using alternative open-source software.*** This information is incorrect, and Cornish students who have ignored these requirements are experiencing major difficulties in their classes. If you have any doubts or need clarification, please connect with your admissions counselor or department coordinator.

Below are the minimum and recommended specifications. We highly recommend opting for the higher-end specifications to ensure a quicker and smoother workflow, benefiting your career long after graduation.

If you need financial assistance to purchase a laptop, please contact your financial aid counselor at sfs-lu@seattleu.edu. Options may include borrowing additional funds through private loans or Parent Plus loans, up to an extra \$3,000 specifically for required equipment.

Software: Required for all Visual Arts students

[Adobe Creative Cloud Student and Teacher Edition](#)

Apple Laptop Options

Apple Minimum Specifications

Macbook Air 15"

- Apple M3 chip 8-Core CPU
- 10-Core GPU
- 16GB Unified Memory
- 512GB SSD Storage footnote ¹
- 16-core Neural Engine
- 15.3-inch Liquid Retina display with True Tone²
- 1080p FaceTime HD camera
- MagSafe 3 charging port
- Two Thunderbolt / USB 4 ports
- Support for up to two external displays (with laptop lid closed)
- Magic Keyboard with Touch ID
- Force Touch trackpad
- 35W Dual USB-C Port Compact Power Adapter

\$1,699.00

\$1,599.00 with [Apple for Education](#)

Apple Recommended Specifications

<https://www.apple.com/us-hed/shop/buy-mac/macbook-pro/16-inch>

Additional memory (36 GB instead of 18 GB better supports video, motion graphics, 3D, and VR design.) 16-inch

Macbook Pro 16"

- M3 Pro Chip. 12-Core CPU, 18 Core GPU,
 - 18GB Unified Memory
 - 512 GB SSD Storage
 - 16-inch Liquid Retina XDR display²
 - Three Thunderbolt 4 ports, HDMI port, SDXC card slot, headphone jack, MagSafe 3 port
 - Magic Keyboard with Touch ID
 - Force Touch Trackpad
- 140W USB-C Power Adapter

\$2,899.00

\$2,299.00 with [Apple Education Store](#)

Windows Laptop Option Examples

Windows laptops come in more varieties than Apple computers. We are providing some examples below. Please contact your admissions counselor for additional guidance if needed.

Windows Laptop Minimum Specifications example:

<http://www.dell.com/cornish>

XPS-13

- 10th Generation Intel Core i7-1065G7 Processor (8MB Cache, up to 3.9 GHz)
- 16 gigs ram
- 1 TB SSD Drive
- Dell ProSupport Plus

Windows laptop Optional Specifications example:

<http://www.dell.com/cornish>

New XPS 15 Touch Laptop

- 10th Generation Intel Core i7-10750H (12MB Cache, up to 5.0 GHz, 6 cores)
- 32 gigs ram
- 1 TB SSD Drive
- Dell ProSupport Plus

External 2 TB SSD Storage: Required for Visual Arts

For example: Transcend 2 TB USB 3.0

<https://www.amazon.com/Transcend-StoreJet-Military-External-TS2TSJ25M3/dp/B00K087BM2>

2. Supplies and Materials for First Year Students

As you enter Cornish, you are expected to acquire art supplies just as you would buy textbooks. Below is a list designed to encompass the basic needs of many first-year required studio courses. All tools will continue to be useful throughout your years of study at Cornish and beyond. Additional tools or supplies may need to be purchased throughout the year for specific classes, projects, or personal work outside of class. We work with Blick Art Materials to get purchasing options and discounts for incoming students. They have created a number of kits complete with all the items on the list; they will be sold based on a first-come, first-served basis.

At the beginning of the school year these kits will be available to pick up at the Blick Capitol Hill store at a discounted price of **\$224.99 + tax** (you save up to \$45 compared to buying items separately).

Blick Store Pick-up:

Once purchased, stop by the Blick store at your convenience beginning August 1st to pick up your kit.

Blick Seattle – Capitol Hill
1600 Broadway
Seattle, WA
(206) 324-0750
BlickCapitolHill@dickblick.com

To purchase the kit online, either scan the barcode below (or [click here](#)).



First Year Art Kit (from Blick)

- Artbin or similar storage container
- Portfolio case (20 x 26in)
- 18 x 24in, 80LB Drawing pad - 70 pages
- Sketch pad (9 x 12in), 100 sheets
- Bristol pad (9 x 12in)
- Newsprint (18 x 24 in 100 sheets pad)
- Graphite pencils (6B, 4B, 2B, HB, 2H)
- Charcoal pencil (4B)
- 2 Sharpie Permanent Markers (black)
- Pencil sharpener
- UHU glue stick
- Blue painter's tape
- White vinyl eraser
- Kneaded eraser
- Art Gum eraser
- Cutting mat (12 x 18in)
- Olfa Stainless-Steel Snap-Off Graphics Knife
- Retractable Utility Knife (with replacement blades)
- 24 inches steel ruler
- 8" aluminum drawing triangle
- Fiskars Premier 8" Bent Scissors
- Safety glasses
- Compass

- Color Wheel (9-1/4in)
- Gray Scale and Value Finder
- Liquitex Painting Knife - Small, Number 12
- Gamblin 1980 Oils - Set of 9, Introductory Colors, 37 ml
- Silicoil Brush Cleaning Tank

Additional Equipment to purchase (not included in kit above)

[3M Respirator](#)

[3M Vapor Cartridge](#) (Organic Vapor)

[Channellock® 326 6" Long Nose Plier](#)