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Game Art Supply List

This supply list is for all incoming Game Art students at Cornish College of the Arts at Seattle University that will contribute to a successful year at Cornish.

Supplies:

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.

First Year Art Kit - you can buy these items individually or purchase a kit through Blick Art Supplies. Scan the QR code to purchase the supply kit for a reduced price of \$224.99 + tax.



- 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

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- Art Gum eraser
- Cutting mat (12 x 18in)
- X-acto knife with 50 blades
- Retractable Utility Knife (with replacement blades)
- 24 inches steel ruler
- 8" aluminum drawing triangle
- Fiskars Premier 8" Bent Scissors
- Safety glasses Compass

Additional Equipment to purchase (not included in kit above)

- 3M Respirator
- 3M Vapor Cartridge (Organic Vapor)

Student Technology Requirements

As a Game Art major, having a capable laptop is essential for your study. All Game Art majors are required to have (1) an advanced laptop running Windows or MacOS operating system, (2) a subscription to Adobe Creative Cloud, and (3) a backup SSD storage drive.

Important Note : Only information provided by Cornish 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.

Below are the minimum and recommended specifications. We highly recommend opting for the higher-end specifications to ensure a quicker and smoother workflow.

Software Requirements

All Visual Arts students (including Game Art) are required to have access to Adobe Creative Cloud Student and Teacher Edition.

Laptop Specifications

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Minimum specifications for your laptop are those that cover the core Adobe Creative Cloud applications used in visual arts instruction (Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, After Effects, Premiere), 3D software (Blender or Maya), and game engines (Godot, Unity).

While hardware requirements are not universal, and your computing experience will have a lot to do with system configurations which vary widely across manufacturers, there are some hard and fast rules to observe when selecting a new laptop:

PC Windows-based

- 1) CPU (Intel or AMD)
 - a) a. Intel Core 5, Core 7, Core 9 (or Core Ultra variants of these)
 - b) b. AMD Ryzen 5 or Ryzen 7, Ryzen 9 (or Ryzen AI variants of these)
- 2) RAM (system memory)
 - a) Minimum : 16GB
 - b) Recommended : 32GB
- 3) SSD Storage
 - a) a. Minimum : 500GB
 - b) b. Recommended : 1TB
- 4) WiFi 6, 6E or greater
- 5) Ports
 - a) USB 3.0 or greater port, type A or C (for thumb drives)
 - b) Recommended : HDMI or Thunderbolt (for external screen connection)

Apple MacOS-based

- 1) CPU
 - a) Minimum : M2
 - b) Recommended : M3 or greater
- 2) 2. RAM (system memory)
 - a) Minimum : 16GB unified
 - b) Recommended : 24-32GB unified
- 3) SSD Storage
 - a) Minimum : 512GB
 - b) Recommended : 1TB
- 4) WiFi 6, 6E or greater

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If you want to understand more about choosing technology you can read [this supplement](#).

Laptop Recommendations

Dell

Alienware or G-Series laptops are a good option as Dell has excellent support. This is also the preferred vendor of Cornish IT.

- Alienware series
- G-series

Framework

For those interested in customization, sustainability, and upgradeability, Framework Laptops (13" or 16") are excellent.

- Framework 16
- Framework 13

HP

Omen or Victus series laptops are also options.

- Omen Transcend
- Victus 16

ASUS

ProArt laptops are very premium laptops specifically designed for creatives, though support is not as robust as Dell/HP/Apple. Zephyrus gaming laptops are also premium, but very expensive.

- ProArt series
- Zephyrus series

Apple

MacBook Pro laptops are high quality, and Apple Care support is very good. If you are used to MacOS this will be a good choice. Avoid the MacBook Air series.

- MacBook Pro

Digital Drawing Tablet & Stylus, Mouse

Although Cornish has a professional-grade Cintiq lab and other tablet-enabled computer labs you will want to invest in a digital drawing device that allows you to practice and produce work in personal spaces, and when the labs are occupied by studio classes.

For PC / Windows users there are various options.

- Screenless Pen Tablets connected to your laptop (e.g. Wacom or Huion pen tablets)
- Framework 12
- Wacom or Huion Pen Displays (expensive)

For Apple / MacOS users, or users of Procreate, a recent generation iPad and Apple Pencil is popular and the best option.

For 3D work you cannot rely on touchpad mechanics or develop touch-based workflows, you need a modern multi-button mouse. Labs will have mice, but you should invest in one for personal use and homework.