NEW ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS
Winter Term Supplies List

Drafting Board (with parallel rule)

Architecture Student Recommends:
24” x 36” or larger, ideally with carrying handle, and ability to adjust angle.

*Ask around! Students sell these all the time. AIAS also rents them out.*

Architect’s Scale: 12”

Either plastic or metal

Metal Ruler: 12”

Architecture Student Recommends:
Alvin Brand Flexible Stainless Steel Ruler

Metal Ruler: 36”

Architecture Student Recommends:
Alvin brand Flexible Stainless Steel Ruler
Self-Healing Cutting Mat

Architecture Student Recommends:
24” x 36” size, with inches denoted on grid

Box Cutter

Architecture Student Recommends:
Olfa brand with grip and snap-off blades

Replacement Blades
(for box cutter)

Make sure to get blades that correspond to your model of box cutter

Xacto Knife

Architecture Student Recommends:
Xacto brand with protective cap
Replacement Blades
(for Xacto knife)

Make sure to get blades that correspond to your model of Xacto knife

T-Square

Either plastic or metal

Sharp Scissors

Tacky Glue

Architecture Student Recommends:
Alene brand “fast grab” kind,
get a variety of sizes (you will use a lot)!
Smaller sized bottles are easier to squeeze
Assorted Pencils

Architecture Student Recommends:
Variety of lead types & thicknesses (2H, H, HB, B, 2B, F, .5, .7, .9)

Assorted Fine-Tip Pens

Architecture Student Recommends:
Micron or Copic brand, in variety of thicknesses (.05, .1, .3, .5)

Colored Pencils

Architecture Student Recommends:
True Blue, Magenta (Prismacolor brand), and Canary Yellow (you can use these colors to create any combination)

Copic Markers

Architecture Student Recommends:
Get a variety of shades of black & grey, and a blending marker
Pencil Sharpener
Architecture Student Recommends:
Multiple hole sizes & an attached container that catches shavings

Jumbo Glue Stick

Trace Paper
Architecture Student Recommends:
Get a variety of sizes (you will go through a lot of this)!
Start with 12” and 18” sized rolls.

Drafting Tape
Used to secure paper & trace paper to drafting board without ripping corners when removed.
Large Sketch Paper

Architecture Student Recommends:
Variety of paper types, including textured & vellum (also sold as individual sheets)

Medium Sketch Book

Of your liking.

Triangle

Either plastic or metal

Push Pins or Thumb Tacks

Architecture Student Recommends:
Neutral color (black, white, or clear).
Avoid attention-grabbing pins.
Optional: Mini Waterproof Sketchbook

Architecture Student Recommends this because it makes it easy to take notes during site visits & outdoors. (Rite in the Rain brand is good for this)

Optional: Electric Eraser

Architecture Student Recommends this because it makes it easy to cleanly erase fine lines/difficult to reach spots on a drawing. (Derwent brand is good for this)

Optional: Dusting Brush

Architecture Student Recommends this for cleaning off studio desk - You would be surprised at how much of a difference it makes.

Optional: The Cutter

Architecture Student Recommends this because it cuts wood dowels at perfect angles. (These are expensive and you probably won’t need it right away - but a good one to get later on)
Other materials (buy as needed!)  
Don’t stock up on these - by for each project

Mat Board  
(Main material used for models, alternative to museum board)

Chip Board  
(Commonly used for making “sketch models”/rough draft models)

Foam Core  
(Commonly used for making topography, or walls of larger-scale models)

Basswood  
(Main wood used for walls, roofs, and floors of models)

Balsa Wood  
(Super soft wood used for curved pieces and columns of models)