

MATERIALS GUIDE

VISUAL EFFECTS COURSES

Helpful tips for planning your approach to buying materials for your course(s)

1. Start with what you need for the first class

- Bring a notebook and pen for taking notes.
- Focus on acquiring the items on your course list that are required for the first day of class. They are marked with an asterisk* on the list.

2. Budget for your supplies

- Art supplies can vary greatly in quality and price. Take some time to understand the pacing of the course and your own learning goals to make informed decisions about what to buy. Instructors will provide more details about the specific materials needed for each course. Talk to them for advice!
- You may already have suitable materials at home; it is not necessary to purchase new materials for every course.

3. Set up any required software

- For courses that require software: purchase, download, and install the required software before the first day of class. This will allow you time to troubleshoot any potential installation issues. Most required software are free or have low-cost educational versions that are available to you as an ECU Continuing Studies student.

Ready to Get Started? Look for your Course List



CSFX 100: Industry Intro: Visual Effects

Recommended Course Materials	Approximate Costs
Notebook and pen	Use what you have

CSFX 101: Innovations in Visual Effects

Recommended Course Materials	Approximate Costs
Notebook and pen	Use what you have

CSFX 102: Introductory Motion Graphics

Required Course Materials	Approximate Costs
<p>Adobe After Effects* Adobe Photoshop* Adobe Illustrator*</p> <p>The Adobe Creative Cloud license includes access to all Adobe tools and software. Click to visit the Adobe Creative Cloud Education Plan webpage.</p> <p>Download Adobe Creative Cloud on your computer and install <i>Adobe After Effects</i>, <i>Adobe Photoshop</i> and <i>Adobe Illustrator</i>.</p>	<p>First year: \$311.88 for 12-month student license</p>
<p>Cinema 4D Lite*</p> <p>This software is available for free when installing Adobe After Effects. An Adobe Creative Cloud license is required to access Adobe After Effects.</p> <p>For students with an @ecuad.ca email account, Cinema 4D Lite is also available with a Maxon Educational license, approximately \$90.00 USD annually. Click to access the educational license for Maxon, including Cinema 4D Lite</p>	<p>Free when installing Adobe After Effects</p>
Total Required Approximate Cost	\$312
Recommended	
Notebook and pen	Use what you have

*required for the first day of class

CSFX 110: Adobe CC for Visual Effects

Required Course Materials	Approximate Costs
<p>Adobe After Effects* Adobe Premiere Pro*</p> <p>The Adobe Creative Cloud license includes access to all Adobe tools and software. Click to visit the Adobe Creative Cloud Education Plan webpage.</p> <p>Download Adobe Creative Cloud on your computer and install <i>Adobe After Effects</i> and <i>Adobe Premiere Pro</i>.</p>	<p>First year: \$311.88 for 12-month student license</p>
Total Required Approximate Cost	\$312
Recommended	
Notebook and pen	Use what you have

*required for the first day of class

CSFX 118: Procedural Art with Houdini

Required Course Materials	Approximate Costs
<p>Houdini*</p> <p>Provided by ECU for free for students during the duration of the course. An instructional package on how to access Houdini will be provided to registered students 5 days before the course start date.</p>	<p>Free</p>
Recommended	
Notebook and pen	Use what you have

*required for the first day of class