EMILY CARR UNIVERSITY of Art + Design | Continuing Studies

MATERIALS GUIDE

DESIGN – CORE SKILLS 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



CSDS 101: Innovations in Design

Required Course Materials	Approximate Costs
Notebook and pen*	Use what you have

**required for the first day of class*

CSDS 102: Industry Intro: Design

Required Course Materials	Approximate Costs
Notebook and pen*	Use what you have

**required for the first day of class*

CSDS 110: Design Thinking

Recommended Course Materials	Approximate Costs
Notebook and pen	Use what you have
Figma This tool is available for free for students, with limitations on use. Create a Figma account with your ECU email. Get verified. Additional plans are available with unlimited access, starting at $21.00 CAD/month on an annual plan. Click to view all available plans	Free
Miro This tool is available for free, with limitations on use. Additional plans are available with unlimited access, starting at $10.00 USD/month. Click to view all available plans	Free
Mural This tool is available for free, with limitations on use. Additional plans are available with unlimited access, starting at $9.99 USD/month. Click to view all available plans	Free

CSDS 111: Designing for Accessibility

Required Course Materials	Approximate Costs
Achecker This tool is free to use. Click to use the tool.	Free
Chrome Screen Reader This extension is free to use with your Chrome browser. Click to add the extension to Chrome.	Free
NVDA This software is available for free. Click to download the most recent version.	Free
WAVE This extension is free to use with your Chrome browser. Click to add the extension to Chrome.	Free
WCAG This resource is available for free. Click to use the resource.	Free
Recommended	
Adobe Acrobat The Adobe Creative Cloud license includes access to all Adobe tools and software. Click to visit the Adobe Creative Cloud Education Plan webpage. Download Adobe Creative Cloud on your computer and install *Adobe Acrobat*.	First year: $311.88 for 12-month student license
Notebook and pen	Use what you have
Book: *Web Accessibility: Web standards and regulatory compliance*, by Jim Thatcher	$60.00
Figma This tool is available for free for students, with limitations on use. Create a Figma account with your ECU email. Get verified. Additional plans are available with unlimited access, starting at $12.00 USD/month. Click to view all available plans.	Free
Microsoft Word This software is available for free in a browser version. Click to visit the Microsoft365 webpage and navigate to the prompt that says "Sign up for the free version of Microsoft365"	Free
Total Recommended Approximate Cost	**$375**

CSDS 112: Human Centered Design

Required Course Materials	Approximate Costs
Notebook and pen*	Use what you have

**required for the first day of class*

CSDS 901: Collaborative Design Workshop

Required Course Materials	Approximate Costs
Notebook and pen*	Use what you have
Recommended Course Materials	
Miro This tool is available for free, with limitations on use. Additional plans are available with unlimited access, starting at $10.00 USD/month. Click to view all available plans	Free
Mural This tool is available for free, with limitations on use. Additional plans are available with unlimited access, starting at $9.99 USD/month. Click to view all available plans	Free

**required for the first day of class*

CSDS 902: Design Portfolios + Critique Workshop

Required Course Materials	Approximate Costs
Notebook and pen*	Use what you have
2-4 completed or near completion design projects*	
Statement of goals as a designer*	
Recommended Course Materials	
Design Portfolio	Bring if you have one

**required for the first day of class*