

American Theatre Arts Equipment List

- You will be required to pay a £100 deposit for show costs at the beginning of your first year. – see recommendations for more details
- You should also set aside £50 per term approximately for books and play texts.

Before you arrive		
Quantity	Description	Where you can buy
1-2	Sweatshirt – plain black	Any clothes store
1-2	Jogging bottoms/trousers, ankle length or leggings – plain black	
Few	T-shirts - plain black in long and short sleeve	
1 pair	Shoes – non-slip and non-marking *These must be different to your outside trainers and should have a grip pattern on the sole.	
1 pair	Character shoes (women)	
1 ea	Rehearsal skirt - Long and midlength (women)	
1	Suit – black or grey (men)	
1-2	White shirt (men)	
1-2	Tie (men)	

Miscellaneous		
Quantity	Description	Where you can buy
1	Recording device – Can use phone (particularly useful in Acting Through Song classes and the American Musical Theatre Module)	
1	Diary or personal organiser	Any stationary store i.e. Ryman's or W.H.Smiths
1	Journal for handwritten notes	

Books

Module: **AT401 The American Play in Performance** (Semester One)
 This is a studio-based module which aims to develop your performance technique in a practical approach to American play texts. **Miller, Arthur - *A View From the Bridge***, Penguin 2000
http://www.amazon.co.uk/View-Bridge-Penguin-Modern-Classics/dp/0141189967/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1343740993&sr=8-3 We highly recommend you have a working knowledge of this text in preparation for scene study classes beginning in the week of **September 1st** (copies will be available in the LRC).

Module: **AT102 American Performance in Context** (Semester One) This module includes introductory lectures and seminars on American History in order to provide a context for the play texts studied in *The American Play in Performance* Module.

Required Reading

Zinn, Howard - *A People's History of the United States (1492 to present)*
 An indispensable introduction to American social history. This will be a text to which you should refer throughout your three years. An entertaining, highly informative read that offers a genuine insight into the lives of 'ordinary' Americans. http://www.amazon.co.uk/Peoples-History-United-States-1492-Present/dp/0060838655/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1343743519&sr=1-1

Cullen, Jim - *The American Dream: A Short History of an Idea that Shaped a Nation*

As Amazon.co.uk says: "A concise and readable account of the idea that shapes a nation, and exploration of how that idea has both remained and changed since Puritans times. If you have any interest in understanding the United States, this book is a must."

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/American-Dream-History-Shaped->

Recommended Reading

Davis, Kenneth C - *Don't Know Much About History*

This is a humorous, accessible read covering a great deal of American history from Columbus to the present day. Please use it to gain a basic knowledge of the events leading up to the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

http://www.amazon.co.uk/Dont-Know-Much-about-History/dp/0060083824/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1343743174&sr=8-1

Loewen, J - *Lies My Teacher Told Me*

This is a critical analysis of the way history is taught in American High Schools and is an excellent introductory title for the *Critical Perspectives* Module in Semester Two.

http://www.amazon.co.uk/Lies-My-Teacher-Told-Me/dp/0684818868/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1343743118&sr=1-1

You can order books for loan from Bexley library to be picked up from the Rose Bruford College Learning Resources Centre; <https://arena.yourlondonlibrary.net/web/bexley/home>

Other recommendations

The College has a limited number of PCs available for students to use but use of your own computer or word-processor would be an advantage. The College also has a limited number of CD players. A portable CD player or equivalent would be advisable for individual rehearsals.

All equipment should be clearly marked with your name. It will be your responsibility to maintain your equipment and to replace it if mislaid. We have limited locker facilities.

Students are required to present all their written assignments in word processed form. The College has a limited number of personal computers for study purposes. Students who have a dyslexia statement may be entitled to equipment grants from their local authority. If you think you may be dyslexic or already have a statement please contact the college's Disability Adviser, Ros Platten for further information.