

BA (Hons) Theatre Design Equipment List

Please note:

- You will be required to pay £170 for theatre tickets at the beginning of your first year (you will be required to pay for theatre tickets at the beginning of each academic year)
- You should also set aside approximately £100 per semester for art, photography and model making materials.

Before you arrive - Essential		
Quantity	Description	Where you can buy
1	A-Z Guide to London	Stationary shops e.g. W.H.Smiths, Rymans
1	A3 Sketch pad	Any art shop
1 set	Pens, drawing pencils – range of lead gradings	
1 set	Small art brushes (sable or nylon substitute) – 3 different sizes	
1 ea.	1" & 2" bristle paint brushes – decorating style	DIY stores e.g. B&Q
1 ea.	Scissors – fabric and paper types	
2	A4 ring binders (more as course progresses)	Stationary shops e.g. W.H.Smiths, Rymans
1	A4 re-fill pad ruled	
1 pair	Long nosed pliers/wire cutters	DIY stores e.g. B&Q
1	A2 or A3 portfolio – cardboard or plastic	Any art shop
1	3m retractable steel tape measure with imperial and metric	DIY stores e.g. B&Q
1	PVA glue - standard	Any art shop
1	Dressmaking tape measure	
1	Eraser for pencil	Stationary shops e.g. W.H.Smiths, Rymans
1	Standard calculator	
1	Sturdy tool box	DIY stores e.g. B&Q
1	USB flash drive	Stationary shops e.g. W.H.Smiths, Rymans

MODEL MAKING

1	Scalpel handle and 2x blade sachets – Swann Norton no.3 with 10A blades	e.g. www.londongraphics.co.uk
1	Retractable knife and spare blades e.g. Stanley	DIY stores e.g. B&Q
1	Metal engineers try square – 10-15cm	e.g. 4D Model Shop http://modelshop.co.uk/
1	Scale ruler - must include scales 1:10 (100), 1:25, and 1:50 *avoid getting architects' scale rulers with 1:250 or 1:2500	e.g. http://modelshop.co.uk/ www.londongraphics.co.uk www.maplin.co.uk
1 ea.	1m steel ruler and 60cm steel ruler with cm and inches on the same side	e.g. www.londongraphics.co.uk
1	3m retractable measuring tape	DIY stores e.g. B&Q
1	Cutting mat – min A3	e.g. www.londongraphics.co.uk
1	Small soldering iron (minimum 30W) for fine work PLUS associated products e.g. flux etc.	e.g. www.maplin.co.uk

TECHNICAL DRAWING

1 set	Tech drawing pencils with leads - H	e.g. www.londongraphics.co.uk
1 set	Tech drawing pens 0.3 & 0.5 - Rotring or similar	e.g. www.londongraphics.co.uk
1	10" adjustable set square	e.g. www.londongraphics.co.uk
1	Clear plastic set square	e.g. www.londongraphics.co.uk or stationary shops
1	Protractor 180°	Stationary shops e.g. W.H.Smiths, Rymans
1	Springbow compass with pen holder to fit drawing pen	
1	Technical Drawing tracing paper roll (841 mm wide x 20 mtrs long)	e.g. www.londongraphics.co.uk

CLOTHING

1 pair	Steel toe capped safety boots	e.g. www.arco.co.uk http://www.screwfix.com/jsp/container.jsp
1 set	Working clothes	Any clothes store
1 pair	Safety goggles/safety specs	e.g. Screwfix http://www.screwfix.com/jsp/container.jsp or DIY stores
1 pack	Disposable facemasks	DIY stores e.g. B&Q

1st year – Desirable

Quantity	Description	Where you can buy
1	Digital Camera	e.g. Argos

Recommended Reading List

Society of British Theatre Designers

1. **Make:Believe** UK Design for Performance Exhibition Catalogue 2011 – 2015
2. **Transformation & Revelation** UK Design for Performance Exhibition Catalogue 2007 – 2011
3. **Collaborators** UK Design for Performance Exhibition Catalogue 2003 – 2007 www.theatredesign.org.uk

The Potentials of Spaces – The Theory and Practice of Scenography and Performance Alison Oddey and Christine White
Intellect Books
2006

The Empty Space Peter Brook
Peter Brook
Pub: Harmondsworth: Penguin, 2008

Model-Making: Materials and Methods David Neat
Crowood Press ISBN 978-1-84797-017-6
2008

Devised and Collaborative Theatre
Ed. Tina Bicat and Chris Baldwin
Pub: The Crowood Press LTD
2002

Theatre and Performance Design A
Reader in Scenography
Ed. Jane Collins and Andrew Nisbet
Pub: Routledge
2010

What is Scenography? Pamela Howard
Oxon: Routeledge
2002

Ways of Seeing

John Berger

Penguin Modern Classics

1972

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

All equipment should be clearly marked with your name, it will be your responsibility to maintain your equipment and replace it if mislaid. Each student will be allocated a locker, for which a £5.00 refundable deposit will be required.

You will be expected to attend professional theatre productions and some Exhibitions regularly throughout the course and meet the cost of tickets and travel yourselves (discounted group bookings are often made for the students). You will be required to purchase reference books and play texts as part of the course.

The College projects and productions that you may work on, particularly in levels 5 and 6, may take place in theatres and venues away from the College's main Sidcup campus. While you are working there these venues effectively become an extension of the College's campus, and the College does not pay your travel costs. You will need to budget for this. Similarly, when you undertake work placements, you will need to budget for travel to the site of the placement.

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 Platton for further information.