

Dear **Architecture + Design** Students,

We are so delighted to have you participate in GSA's 2023 Architecture + Design studio! This discipline letter provides insight into how your three weeks will go at our program.

**You should anticipate a challenging curriculum that will introduce you to unfamiliar ways of learning but will form a foundation for your experience as a designer.** Our studios (classes) will include creative ways of realizing your ideas and help you learn how to recognize opportunities for design in your world. Our A+D program is modeled after a first-semester, collegiate-level design studio, where you'll be introduced to various architecture and design concepts, processes, tools, and software. Ultimately, this program will serve as a primer as to what it may be like to practice this artform at the next level.

**While GSA will provide raw materials for your projects, we have included a supply list (items you'll need to bring with you to the program) on the next page.** We ask that you bring these items because we want to ensure you have the tools to continue practicing your art far beyond this summer. You can find these items online at many art supply/craft stores. Please keep in mind that you'll constantly change workstations during GSA. With that being said, **we encourage you to label your personal items.**

Also, note that you can always find a substitution if you have trouble finding an item or two. In addition, if you are unable to purchase any supplies due to financial reasons—no worries! Please send a detailed request to us **immediately** at [gsainfo@kentuckyperformingarts.org](mailto:gsainfo@kentuckyperformingarts.org), and we'd be happy to help.

Again, we look forward to an exciting three weeks together!

Best,

**Jordan & Eric** (*Your Architecture + Design Faculty*)

## GSA 2023 Architecture + Design Supply List

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- **Pens & Pencils:** Bring a variety of what you already use to write, sketch, or draw with. If you use predominantly either pencils or pens, bring both. Markers and/or colored pencils included!
- **Erasers & Sharpeners:** Bring at least one of each.
- **Sketchbook:** This can be whatever size or paper type you prefer to use.
- **Glue:** A simple white glue, like Elmer's or Sobo. Please, no super glue or hot glue.
- **Cutting Blade:** Snap Blade Knife (Olfa Brand or similar) - Snap Blades are smaller than utility knives.
- **Metal Ruler:** Should have a cork backing with your preference of 12" or 18" or 24".
- **Cutting Mat:** In either size: 12"x18" or 24"x36".
- **Scissors:** Any 'full size' variety works - just not a small or 'child size' pair.
- **Physical Storage:** Any kit, box, or bag for your personal supplies.
- **Digital Storage Device:** For your personal digital design files to be stored. This can be any portable external storage and come in a variety of options. These can be a USB flash drive or thumb drive, a pocket hard drive or portable drive. If you already have one, bring that along. If you have to purchase one, we suggest storage size from 32gb to 128gb, as these are easily available under \$20.
- **Final Day Packing:** For final day, please plan to bring a box or something to pack your work in to take home.
- **Computers:** Please **do not** bring your personal computer or tablet to studio. Our spaces include computers for the projects we need them for.
- **For Walking:** Backpack, water bottle, and comfortable shoes (for when we can do out-of-studio tours).
- **Spending Money:** Though housing, meals, room, and board are covered by GSA, you might want a little extra money for GSA merch on-campus or souvenirs during field trips.
- **Face Masks/Coverings:** GSA is not currently planning to require masks, but if a student would like to wear one at any time, they are welcome to do so. If you would prefer to wear masks while at the program, please pack enough to last all three weeks.
- **General:** Feel free to bring any other personal tools or media that you feel comfortable using. This can include items like markers, colored pencils, a camera, and more. You may or may not use any of these items in the studio, but you are more than welcome to bring them.

- **Art Supply Websites:** <https://www.dickblick.com/> <https://www.utrechtart.com/>