

Welcome to Rose Bruford College!

We're delighted to welcome you to the Scenic Arts programme at Rose Bruford College. As you begin this exciting and creative journey, it's essential that you arrive prepared with the right tools, clothing, and equipment to support your learning and safety.

The following guide outlines what you'll need to bring with you, as well as budgeting tips and recommendations to help you start your studies with confidence. Please choose items according to your personal needs and preferences. Our community is inclusive, hands-on and collaborative - and we want you to feel equipped and ready from day one.

Clothes and Equipment

You'll be working in studios and workshops where practical, safe clothing is essential. All personal protective equipment (PPE) listed below is required from the start of the course.

Quantity	Item	Notes	Where to Buy
1 pair	Steel toe-capped boots or shoes	Essential for safety in workshops	Screwfix, DIY retailers
1	Pair of safety glasses or goggles	Must meet workshop safety standards	Screwfix
1	Pair of ear defenders	For use during machinery work	Screwfix
1	Dust mask	Disposable or reusable	Screwfix
1	Respirator with spare filters	For paint and dust protection	Screwfix
1	Fire-retardant cotton overalls	Must be 100% cotton	Screwfix
Several	General work clothes	Expect these to get messy!	Any clothing store
1 pair	Work gloves	For manual handling	Screwfix
1	Hard hat	Safety helmet required on certain sites	Screwfix

Essential Equipment and Tools

You'll be provided with access to a wide range of workshop tools, but gradually building your own personal toolkit is encouraged.

Quantity	Item	Notes	Where to Buy
1	Laptop or equivalent	Look out for education discounts	Apple, Currys, online retailers
1	Mobile phone with camera	Useful for documentation	Any phone provider
1	8m metal tape measure	Reliable and durable	Amazon, Screwfix
1	Scale rule (inc. 1:25)	Essential for design work	Flints, Amazon
1	12" combination square	For accurate measuring and marking	Screwfix
1	General scissors	For everyday use	Any stationery shop
1	Paper scissors	For model-making and cutting card	Stationery retailers
1	Stanley knife (retractable blade)	Must be secure and lockable	DIY stores
1	Scalpel (e.g. Swan Morton No. 3)	For detailed work	Flints, Amazon
1 set	Decorating brushes	Good quality recommended (e.g. Hamilton)	DIY retailers
1 set	Art brushes	Sable or synthetic	Art supply stores
Several	Notebooks, erasers, pens	For class and personal notes	WHSmith, Ryman

Optional Tools (To Discuss with Tutors)

Item	Notes
Cordless drill/driver	18V Makita preferred (shared battery system)
Podger spanner (size 17–21)	Often used for rigging and set-building
Auto-darkening welding helmet	For students exploring welding
Long-nose pliers	For detailed construction work
Wire cutters	Useful for prop and scenic work
Metal modelling tools	Optional for sculpture/model-making
Head torch	For working in low-light environments

Tip: Store your tools in a secure, lockable toolbox or case. Label everything clearly with your name.

Additional Essentials

Quantity	Item	Notes
1	Diary or planner	For keeping track of deadlines, projects, and placement dates
1 pack	A4 document wallets	Helpful for organising handouts and briefs
Supply	A4 lined paper	For coursework and notes

Computing & Software

- Both Mac and Windows devices are used on the course.
- AutoCAD is taught using Windows PCs – there are slight differences if using a Mac.
- Make sure your device can connect to external monitors (you may need an adapter).
- All written work must be submitted in a word-processed format.
- Students have free access to Microsoft Office and AutoCAD using their College login.

Budgeting for Your Studies

In addition to tuition, please factor in the following when planning your finances:

Living Costs

- Accommodation
- Food and drink
- Toiletries and laundry
- Occasional social activities

Course-Related Expenses

- **Trips and Visits:** You'll need a small budget each term for travel to London or other cultural outings. You will need to pay for your own travel insurance for student trips.
- **Work Placements and Productions:** From Level 5 onwards, placements may take place off-site. While these are part of your learning, travel costs are not covered by the College.

Health & Safety Recommendations

- If you wear glasses, we recommend plastic lenses with a scratch-resistant coating.
 - Ensure you're up to date with your tetanus vaccinations.
 - Student insurance is strongly advised for tools and personal items.
 - Lockers are limited, so be prepared to manage your storage efficiently.
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Academic and Dyslexia Support

All written assignments must be word-processed. College computers are available, but having your own laptop is beneficial.

Students with a dyslexia diagnosis may be eligible for equipment grants via local authorities. If you think this applies to you, please contact our Disability Advisor at disability@bruford.ac.uk, for support and advice.

We Look Forward to Seeing You

We're excited to welcome you into the Scenic Arts community at Rose Bruford College. Bring your curiosity, creativity, and readiness to learn - we'll help you develop the skills, confidence and experience to thrive.

If you have any questions before you arrive, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Warmest wishes,

The Scenic Arts Team

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