

# Classical Drawing 101, a beginner's course

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*Description: This 5-week course emphasizes the basic principles of drawing for the beginner artist. Students will gain essential knowledge regarding how to represent what they see through the understanding of drawing tools, lines, edges, shape, volume, mass, value, perspective, proportion and positive/negative space. Students will work at their own pace from shared simple shape and still life arrangements to gain maximum understanding and practice of learned concepts while building confidence and training the eye. An excellent first drawing class for adults!*

**Materials list: (highlighted items are must haves if budget is limited. You can add as you progress. )**

1. DRAWING BOARD – optional. Get 19"x 25" (for 18"x 24" paper). Your board should always be larger your paper. The Studio School has boards to use during class but helpful for home practice!
2. PAPER, Newsprint pad, 18"x24"
3. CHARCOAL PENCILS - Get HB, 2B, 4B, 6B (2 each) (1 each)
4. GENERAL's white charcoal pencil, get one
5. PASTEL PENCIL – STABILO brand, white, get one
6. VINE/WILLOW CHARCOAL - Get: one pack of soft or medium, one of hard, General's a good brand. (thin to medium rather than thin to thinner in thickness) NITRAM brand is academia quality, more expensive but excellent to work with. It's optional. Buy H, B, HB. If budget allows, pick up a pack of large sticks or 2 to 4 various sizes which can be purchased individually or in bulk packs in addition to the thinner sticks required. They will be useful.
7. COMPRESSED CHARCOAL stick(s) - General's comes in a pack of 3-4 but one is all you need if you find one
8. RETRACTABLE SNAP-BLADE MAT KNIFE - For sharpening pencils & charcoal (any size).
9. KNEADED ERASER - Also, other erasers, such as white vinyl are optional and a retractable pen type eraser is super handy and highly recommended.
10. LARGE CLIPS - You should have two to hold paper onto a drawing board unless your board has built-in clips(optional).
11. MEASURING STICK - (To be supplied in class) A thin straight dowel, or bamboo skewer, 10" to 14"
12. SANDPAPER - One sheet of fine sandpaper or a sandpaper paddle purchased at Blinks. (best option)
13. VIVA recommended paper towel roll and baby wipes but any brand is fine.
14. PENCIL SHARPENER – for multiple sizes preferred (small personal kind)
15. GRAY SCALE & VALUE FINDER (cardboard about 5x7 inches with grayscale values printed on it)
16. BLENDING STUMPS – a multi size pack or a variety of small to large. Get 3 minimum: super thin, medium and large.
17. VIEWFINDER - square cardboard or plastic, used to frame your view.