Materials List for Uncial Calligraphy

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Required materials

- ❋ **ink**: either **walnut** or **Higgins Eternal Black**.
- ❋ **nibs** (remember to buy left-handed nibs if you are left-handed):
  - – one or more **Speedball C-2** nibs (Brause 3 mm and Mitchell 1 are also fine)
  - – one or more **Speedball C-3** nibs (Brause 2 mm will also work)
- ❋ **nib holder** of your choice
- ❋ **1/2" flat brush: Winsor & Newton series 995, Raphael Kaerell series 8796, or Silver Crystal 6808S**
- ❋ **1/4" flat brush:** same brands/series
- ❋ **practice paper for pen:** either **Capitol Bond**, letter size or 11 x 17", one pack of 50 sheets (only available at johnnealbooks.com) or **Canson Pro Layout Marker** pad (available locally). *Do not* buy generic "Bond Paper" at Columbia.
- ❋ **practice paper for brush:** I recommend an 18 x 24" pad of newsprint. Any 18 x 24" pad of paper will work though.
- ❋ **fine art paper:** directions will be given for a final project later during the term.
- ❋ **pencil** for ruling lines
- ❋ something to take **notes** in/with and a **folder** for handouts
- ❋ **T-square**, preferably metal and at least 24" long, but bring what you have if you already have one
- ❋ one or more tubes of **gouache:** Winsor & Newton is a good brand
- ❋ **old brush** for mixing gouache
- ❋ small **container** for water
- ❋ flat **plastic lid**
- ❋ **old toothbrush** for cleaning nibs
- ❋ **paper clips**, **scissors**, **cotton rag** or paper towels, **eraser**

Optional materials

- ❋ metal cork-backed **ruler**, at least 24" long (preferred), or any ruler you have
- ❋ eyedropper
- ❋ painter's **tape** or masking tape, low stickiness

Local vendors such as Columbia Art and Drafting, Artist and Craftsman Supply, Blick, and Michael's have most of the needed materials.
Good online sources include John Neal Books, www.johnnealbooks.com.

We will discuss materials in the first class.
You can wait to buy certain items if you are unsure; I will have some materials to lend.
Also feel free to contact me with questions: studiobyrd@gmail.com