

# Back-to-School Essentials for Communication Students

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Every student needs pens, pencils and notebooks, and we do too. As comm students, we have some extra essentials. Grab your pens and notebooks (or iPads and Apple Pencils) and take some notes!

One thing we will use every day is the AP Stylebook. Get familiar with this book and its rules, and never let it leave your site; you'll regret it. I'm kidding- kind of. The Associated Press Stylebook sets the standard for writing courses you will take during your time in McComas Hall and at Mississippi State, and it's not going anywhere anytime soon. From freshman year to graduation, this book will help you survive.

Another thing I have found to be a necessity in college is having a Canva Pro subscription. The basic plan works too, but I find the premium subscription to be worth the extra money. Whether you're making a brochure for class or planning a "PowerPoint night" with your friends, Canva will come in handy to make your themed dreams become a reality.

Finally, run to your campus bookstore, and buy a planner. It's not enough to buy cute stickers and nice pens; keep up to date with your assignments and social life by keeping an updated planner. Don't forget to grab those cute pens and stickers too though-I won't.

Overall, communications students need the basics, but we can't forget about the extras I mentioned. Your professors will list anything else you need for their classes in the syllabus. Have a great school year, and as always, Hail State!