



LAPTOP REQUIREMENTS

You are required to purchase an industry standard laptop when you begin the Graphic Design | Media Arts program. Within this document is information about this requirement.



Mac Specifications

- Multicore Intel processor with **64-bit support**
- Mac OS X v10.8, 10.9
- 4 GB of RAM (8 GB recommended)
- Minimum of 100 GB hard disk space
- 1440 x 900 display or larger with 32-bit video card
- 7200-RPM hard drive
- OpenGL 2.0-capable system



Windows Specifications

- Intel Pentium 4 or AMD Athlon **64 Processor** (2 GHz or faster)
- Microsoft Windows 7 with Service Pack 1, Windows 8 or higher
- At least 13-inch display
- 4 GB of RAM (8 GB recommended)
- Minimum of 100 GB hard disk space
- 1280 x 1080 display or larger with 32-bit video card
- 7200-RPM hard drive
- OpenGL 2.0-capable system



Please note: Many GD|MA instructors are trained and work exclusively on Mac computers. Due to this, instructors may not be able to assist with Windows troubleshooting.

Why the requirement?

Buying a laptop for college may seem like a rather large expense however, this is the primary tool of our trade. Having your own laptop capable of efficiently producing digital and print design work—in and out of the classroom—is not just an investment in your education but in your future.

Will financial aid cover it?

Since the cost of a laptop is considered an educational expense, it is included in the overall cost of attendance estimate for students who apply for financial aid. You can find the program's cost of attendance estimate at <https://www.southeast.edu/graphicdesignmediaarts>.

When should I buy one?

It is required to have your laptop purchased and ready for use by the first day of class. Planning ahead is crucial and you will want to purchase your laptop in advance of your intake into the program.

Where to purchase your laptop.

SCC does not promote or endorse one vendor over another. The following information is provided as a sample of available vendors and is not intended to be an exhaustive list.

Apple Computers

- Best Buy
[6910 O Street](#)
- Computer Hardware Inc.
[235 S 70th Street Suite #101](#)
- Simply Mac
[152 Gateway Mall](#)
- Apple Store (Omaha)
[17255 Davenport Street](#)
- Apple.com
- Amazon.com

PC Computers with Windows

- Best Buy
[6910 O Street](#)
- Computer Hardware Inc.
[235 S 70th Street Suite #101](#)
- Staples
[4940 O Street](#)
- Dell.com
- HP.com
- Toshiba.com
- Amazon.com

! No matter where you purchase your laptop, make sure it meets the requirements on the front of this document.

Adobe Creative Cloud™

Students are required to have a subscription to the Adobe Creative Cloud™. This subscription gives access to the full Adobe catalog but most importantly the primary software used within our program: Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, and Adobe Dreamweaver.

Students should have a subscription to the Creative Cloud, their memberships purchased, and software installed by the first day of classes.

Currently, the monthly price for the subscription at the student discount is set at: \$19.99/month for the first year.

More information on Adobe CC at: www.adobe.com/creativecloud.html



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