

Corcoran School of the Arts + Design

Design Program Minimum Laptop Requirements 2021-2022

Software Access

- All students and faculty have access to the full Adobe Creative Suite. [Full information and installation instructions.](#)
- Additional [software is available through GWU IT.](#)
- Students and faculty have access to [Autodesk software through their educational program.](#)

BFA in Graphic Design Mac only (PC not recommended)

Minimum Requirements:

- 13.3-inch MacBook Pro
2.4GHz quad-core Intel Core i5
- 256GB SSD Storage
- 8GB of memory (RAM) Recommend configuring it to 16GB RAM
- Intel Iris Plus Graphics 645

Optimal Setup:

- 15.4 inch MacBook Pro
- 2.3GHz 8-core Intel Core i9
- 512GB SSD
- 16GB of 2400MHz DDR4 onboard memory

MA in Exhibition Design

For a Mac:

- Intel or Apple Silicon Mac.
- 8 GB memory (RAM) or more is recommended.
- AMD graphics processor recommended on Intel Macs.
- 5 GB disk space.
- A multiple-button mouse with a scroll wheel is recommended.
- SpaceNavigator and SpaceMouse Wireless optional
- MacOS Operating System: 11.3 (Big Sur), 10.15.7 (Catalina), or OS 10.14.6 (Mojave)

For a PC:

- 64-bit Intel or AMD processor
- 8 GB memory (RAM) or more is recommended.
- 600 MB disk space.
- OpenGL 4.1 capable video card is recommended.
- 4 GB Video RAM or more recommended.
- Multiple-button mouse with scroll wheel is recommended.
- Operating systems: Windows 10 or 8.1

BFA + MA in Interaction Design

For a Mac:

- Intel or Apple Silicon Mac.
- 64-bit dual core 2Ghz CPU with SSE2 support
- 8 GB memory (RAM) or more is recommended.
- AMD or NVIDIA graphics processor recommended on Intel Macs.
- A multiple-button mouse with a scroll wheel is recommended.
- Mouse/ trackpad or pen+tablet
- MacOS Operating System: 11.3 (Big Sur), 10.15.7 (Catalina), or OS 10.14.6 (Mojave)

For a PC:

- 64-bit Intel or AMD processor
- 8 GB memory (RAM) or more is recommended.
- 600 MB disk space.
- OpenGL 4.1 capable video card is recommended.
- 4 GB Video RAM or more recommended.
- Multiple-button mouse with scroll wheel is recommended.
- Operating systems: Windows 10 or 8.1