

CORCORAN SCHOOL OF THE ARTS + DESIGN

Design Program Laptop Requirements (2024-2025)

The Design Program strongly recommends all Graphic Design BFA students have a laptop that meets the following requirements.

Minimum Requirements:

- 13-inch MacBook Air
- macOS minimum requirements for Adobe applications
- Processor: M3 8 Core CPU/GPU
- Memory: 16GB of RAM (24GB optimal)
- Storage: 512GB SSD. Optional to configure up to 2TB SSD.
- AppleCare

Recommended Minimum Setup:

- 14-inch MacBook Pro
- macOS minimum requirements for Adobe applications
- Processor: 8 Core CPU / 10 Core GPU
- Memory: 24GB of RAM
- Storage: 1TB SSD. Optional to configure for additional storage.
- AppleCare

Required Peripherals and Supplies:

- Wireless Bluetooth mouse

Recommended Peripherals and Supplies:

- Laptop bag, case, or sleeve for protection
- External hard drive and/or flash drive. 1TB or above.
- Monitor. 24-inch 4K or above is optimal ((for ergonomic workstation at home - docking stations are available in Flagg)

These specifications are for new computers. If you are looking to see if your current computer will work, it must meet similar guidelines for storage and memory. A good guideline is to make sure it meets the [current requirements for software used in year one](#) at minimum (InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, and Premiere for HD video). For work beyond year one, it should meet [these current requirements](#).