



Courses in the **Photo and Design, Digital Photography, and Digital Design & Communications programs** use Adobe Creative Cloud applications, including but not limited to, Animate, Illustrator, InDesign, Lightroom, Photoshop, and Premiere Pro. Purchasing a computer with the **recommended** specifications will allow you to complete projects faster and store more projects on your internal hard drive when compared to a computer that only meets the **minimum** specifications. The three full-time instructors all use Apple MacBook Pro laptops in their instruction.

Students with further questions should consult with your instructor.

Windows

	Minimum specifications	Recommended specifications
Processor	Intel® 6 th Gen or newer CPU – or AMD equivalent	Intel® 7 th Gen or newer CPU – or AMD equivalent
Operating system	Microsoft Windows 11	Microsoft Windows 11 or later
RAM	8 GB of RAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 16 GB of RAM for HD media• 32 GB for 4K media or higher
GPU	2 GB of GPU VRAM For a list of recommended graphic cards, see Recommended graphics cards for Adobe Premiere Pro .	4 GB of GPU VRAM For a list of recommended graphic cards, see Recommended graphics cards for Adobe Premiere Pro .
Hard disk space	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 GB of available hard-disk space for installation; additional free space required during installation (will not install on removable flash storage)• Additional high-speed drive for media• 250GB free hard disk space	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fast internal SSD for app installation and cache• Additional high-speed drive(s) for media• 500GB free hard disk space
Monitor resolution	1920 x 1080 or greater	1920 x 1080 or greater

macOS

	Minimum specifications	Recommended specifications
Processor	Intel® 6 th Gen or newer CPU or Apple M1 chip	Intel® 6 th Gen or newer CPU or Apple M4 chip
Operating system	macOS v14.x	macOS v14.x or later
RAM	8 GB of RAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 GB of RAM for HD media 32 GB for 4K media or higher
GPU	2 GB of GPU VRAM	4 GB of GPU VRAM
Hard disk space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 GB of available hard-disk space for installation; additional free space required during installation (will not install on a volume that uses a case-sensitive file system or on removable flash storage devices). Additional high-speed drive for media 250GB free hard disk space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fast internal SSD for app installation and cache Additional high-speed drive(s) for media 500GB free hard disk space
Monitor resolution	1920 x 1080 or greater	1920 x 1080 or greater