

LAPTOP AND SOFTWARE RECOMMENDATIONS

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If you are thinking of purchasing a laptop for your coursework here at DCAD, please note the following:

Animation: 13 inch (minimum) or 15 inch MacBook Pro with 3 Year Warranty; 512 GB hard drive (other brands welcome based on the student's preference) Wacom drawing tablet: 100.00
Second Year students use Autodesk's Maya (one-year license, free for students)
Total estimated Animation major cost: \$3,000.00

Fine Art: Fine Art majors should expect to use the laptop for homework and in-class assignments. Microsoft Office and Creative Cloud (CC) are for use in both years.
13 inch Mac Book Pro with a 2.9GHz dual-core Intel Core i5 processor
Turbo Boost up to 3.3GHz, 8GB 2133MHz memory with a 256GB PCIe-based SSD1 Hard Drive
Intel Iris Graphics 550 card, Four Thunderbolt 3 ports
Two year Adobe Creative Cloud software license: 480.00
Total estimated Fine Art major cost: \$2417.83

Graphic Design: Apple MacBook Pro 2.5 GHZ 15-inch Retina Display with 512 GB Flash memory
Three-Year Apple Care warranty: 239.00 and a mouse: \$ 25.00
Two year Adobe Creative Cloud software license: 480.00
Total estimated Graphic Design major cost: \$3332.00

Illustration: Apple MacBook Pro 2.5 GHZ 15-inch Retina Display with 512 GB Flash memory
Three-Year Apple Care warranty: 239.00 and a mouse: \$ 25.00
Two year Adobe Creative Cloud software license: 480.00
Total estimated Illustration major cost: \$3332.00

Interior Design minimum requirement: Hewlett Packard (HP) with i5 or i7 processor, 17" screen; 8 GB RAM
Two year Adobe Creative Cloud software license: 480.00
Total estimated Interior Design major cost: \$1980.00

Photography: Photography majors should expect to use the laptop for homework and in-class assignments. (some people prefer a 15 inch screen)
13 inch Mac Book Pro with a 2.9GHz dual-core Intel Core i5 processor
Turbo Boost up to 3.3GHz, 8GB 2133MHz memory with a 256GB PCIe-based SSD1 Hard Drive
Intel Iris Graphics 550 card, Four Thunderbolt 3 ports
Total estimated Photography major cost (13 inch) \$2519.00

For your convenience, software purchases can be made on the following websites

<http://www.bhphotovideo.com>

<http://www.adobe.com>

<http://www.apple.com/education>

All DCAD majors use and classes require: Microsoft Office 365, Student & Teacher edition
Direct from Microsoft: \$79.95

It is **highly recommended** that all DCAD students have an external back-up drive.
1 TB external backup USB or Thunderbolt hard drive: \$60.00

Questions about specific software needs should be directed to the Area Coordinator of that major

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