

Laptop Requirements

The **School of Visual Studies** requires all students to have a laptop computer equipped with and capable of running the software listed below. While students will not be denied attendance based on an inability to possess a computer, the SVS does consider a computer to be an essential tool for full participation in the curriculum.

STUDENTS WHO ALREADY OWN LAPTOPS

For those who already have laptops -- we accept any laptop computer running a recent (less than 4 years old) MAC OS or Windows OS with the following:

- the current version of Adobe Creative Cloud;
- For \$60/year discounted Adobe Creative Cloud subscriptions;
- WIFI Capability;
- A webcam and microphone;
- Zoom video conference software;
- Word Processing and Presentation: Microsoft Office (free to students); Google Docs and Google Slides; and/or Apple Pages and Keynote.

STUDENTS WHO ARE PURCHASING NEW LAPTOPS

The default SVS recommendation for all students is to purchase either a new Apple MacBook Air or a new Apple MacBook Pro (or a PC laptop with comparable computing power i.e., storage, processor, and RAM). Minimum computing needs vary by program or emphasis. Please consult the section below for more detailed information.

[Click Here](#) for Adobe Creative Cloud computing requirements

[Click Here](#) for \$60/year discounted Adobe Creative Cloud subscription.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS ACCORDING TO PROGRAM

Students entering BA in Art History*, BA in Film Studies* (non-production emphasis), or BA/BFA in Art with studio focus in Fibers, Sculpture, Ceramics, Drawing, and Painting are recommended to have the equivalent of a new MacBook Air (or better) laptop meeting the above-stated minimum requirements.

**For humanities-oriented students (Art History and Film Studies - Criticism), Adobe Creative Cloud is optional.*

Students entering the BA in FILM STUDIES PRODUCTION Emphasis or DIGITAL STORYTELLING (either as freshman or transfer students) are encouraged to have a 13+ inch MacBook Pro with an M1 or better processor; 16 GB of RAM; 1TB+ SSD Storage. Students may choose to purchase a laptop with 256GB+ internal storage with a supplemental external SSD drive to reach a total of 1TB of data storage. Free Microsoft Office 365 OneDrive comes with 5TB of storage (See Microsoft Office 365 link above).

Students entering the BA/BFA in ART students taking significant coursework in Graphic Design, Photography, Printmaking, or who intend to be working mostly with a digital media are encouraged to have a 13+ inch MacBook Pro and 1TB+ SSD Storage either as internal storage or with a supplemental external SSD drive.

NOTE: Free Microsoft Office 365 OneDrive comes with 5TB of storage (See Microsoft Office 365 link above).