2018-2019 Minimum & Recommended Computer Requirements for Design Media Arts Undergraduates

UCLA DMA has a laptop recommendation that we very strongly encourage our incoming and continuing students to have in order to maximize their education and experience. Students are welcome to select a PC or Mac computer that suits their mobility preference and budget. Below you will find the MINIMUM and RECOMMENDED laptop specifications for laptop computing for Design Media Arts at UCLA. These specifications should be used as a guide when making decisions on bringing a laptop. We very strongly recommend that all students have their own laptop. This will be helpful in the classroom, during labs, and working on assignments outside of class time.

REQUIRED SOFTWARE:
Adobe Creative Cloud Complete (12-monthly prepaid membership)

RECOMMENDED LAPTOP HARDWARE (APPLE OR WINDOWS):

Processor Type
Minimum: Intel Core i5 and i7 processors
Recommended: Intel Core i7 processors or i9 processors

Screen size
Minimum: 13"

Memory
Minimum: 8 GB RAM
Recommended: 16GB RAM for laptops (32 GB RAM for Desktops)

Hard Drive
Minimum: 500 GB Solid State Drive (Do not purchase 128 GB)

Warranty
Minimum: 3 year parts and labor

Or Insurance
4 year product protection plan

RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES:
Minimum USB 3.0 for External Hard Drives and Flash Drives: Strongly recommended for data backup in case of computer failure. Always keep a regular backup of your files on External storage and/or Servers/Cloud storage www.box.com/ and cloud.dma.ucla.edu/
External Monitor and cable for working at home.
3 button mouse for 3D software.

FREE Sophos and Spy Sweeper: https://www.bol.ucla.edu/software/sophos/