

Laptop Recommendations

➔ **Maine College of Art strongly recommends students arrive with an Apple Macbook Pro.**

Any Apple Retina Macbook Pro in good condition will be adequate for students' curricular needs. Mac OS Sierra (Version 10.12) or newer is recommended.

Recommended Mac Specifications for new computer purchases:

Base Model (appropriate for most students)*

13" Macbook Pro w/Retina Display ('17)
Processor: 2.3 GHZ i5
Memory: 8GB or 16GB
Storage Capacity: 256GB SSD or Greater
Operating System: Mac OS Sierra (Version 10.12)
Warranty: AppleCare Protection Plan
Accessories: USB-C Digital AV Multiport Adapter

Power User

13" or 15" Macbook Pro w/Retina Display & Touch ID ('17)
Processor: 3.1 GHZ i5
Memory: 16GB
Storage Capacity: 256GB SSD or Greater
Operating System: Mac OS Sierra (Version 10.12)
Warranty: AppleCare Protection Plan
Accessories: USB-C Digital AV Multiport Adapter

MECA's curriculum primarily uses Apple Computers. Our computer labs are exclusively Mac equipped. Students who strongly prefer to use a Windows based computer can do so. If a student is interested in purchasing a Windows laptop it must have the following minimum specifications:

Windows

Model: Dell Latitude or other Brand/Model equivalent.
Screen Size: 13" or greater
Processor: 2.5 GHZ i5 or Better
Memory: 8GB or Greater
Storage Capacity: 256GB SSD
Operating System: Windows 10
Warranty: 3 Year Warranty

No additional software is required.

MECA provides Adobe Creative Cloud free of charge to all currently enrolled students. This suite can be installed on up to 2 student owned computers and remains valid while enrolled at MECA. All students receive a Google G-Suite account which is the default platform used for email, calendars, documents, presentations, etc. at MECA by faculty, staff and students. If you have further questions please email helpdesk@meca.edu for assistance.