

## LAPTOP RECOMMENDATIONS

### 2019–2020 ACADEMIC YEAR MAINE COLLEGE OF ART

**MECA strongly recommends that students arrive with an Apple Macbook Pro.**

Any Apple Retina Macbook Pro in good condition will be adequate for students' curricular needs.

Mac OS High Sierra (Version 10.13) or newer is recommended.

**Recommended Mac Specifications for new computer purchases:**

#### **BASE MODEL (APPROPRIATE FOR MOST STUDENTS)\***

- + **13" Macbook Pro w/Retina Display**
- + **Processor:** 1.4 GHZ i5 or Greater
- + **Memory:** 8GB or 16GB
- + **Storage Capacity:** 256GB SSD or Greater
- + **Warranty:** AppleCare Protection Plan
- + **Accessories:** USB-C Digital AV Multiport Adapter

#### **POWER USER**

- + **13" or 15" Macbook Pro w/Retina Display & Touch ID**
- + **Processor:** 3.1 GHZ i5 or Greater
- + **Memory:** 16GB
- + **Storage Capacity:** 256GB SSD or Greater
- + **Warranty:** AppleCare Protection Plan
- + **Accessories:** USB-C Digital AV Multiport Adapter

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**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

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#### **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](mailto:helpdesk@meca.edu) for assistance.