Interior Design Program
2023-2024 Laptop Requirements

Students are required to obtain a Windows OS laptop (**not Mac**) for their studio courses, no later than the start of the 200-level classes. Ideally, having the equipment by the first-year winter semester would be great, **but it's a MUST have by the second-year fall semester for IDES 210 and IDE 219.** With challenges students had at the end of Winter 2020 semester where design work was completed at home and not in computer labs, we are updating the specifications to address not only AutoCAD but REVIT and CET used in upper-level studios.

This needs to be a Windows OS machine – many brands will work. The following is suggested:

CPU: Intel i7-11/12/13XXX series OR i9-11/12/13XXX series

RAM: 32 GB

Storage: 256 GB SSD (512 GB or greater preferred)

GPU: Nvidia GeForce RTX 3070Ti (3080Ti preferred)

> *NOTE: Intel's Iris Xe graphics components are integrated into the motherboard and are not a dedicated piece of hardware like NVIDIA's GPU. Iris Xe is NOT a viable option for any IDE software*

Warranty: 3 years and includes accidental damage coverage (a college student with a laptop is basically the ONLY time I would suggest an extended warranty)

The rest of the details are user-preference (display size, as it generally relates to weight and someone may want a lighter 13" model – but overall image of drawings may be compartmented on a small screen). All will typically have wi-fi, Bluetooth, and a webcam.

Because the laptop is required, the Office of Financial Aid will modify your aid package to include purchase of equipment and software. Consult their staff.

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