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Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising
Recommended Computer Specifications For
the Footwear Design & Development Major

Software

** All enrolled students receive a subscription to the latest version of the Adobe Creative Cloud application suite.*

Adobe Creative Cloud 2017
Microsoft Office 2016 (PC or Apple)

PC Compatible (e.g., IBM, Dell, etc.)

- Microsoft® Windows® 7 through 10, a 64-bit OS is required
- Intel® i7 processor (recommended)
- 8 GB RAM (16 GB recommended)
- 500GB (7200-rpm) hard drive, with an additional external drive - 2 TB for back-up storage
- 1920x1080 display (recommended for 15" laptops)
- Dedicated graphics card with at least 1 GB of VRAM memory
- DVD-ROM drive (external, if not included)

Apple (iMac or MacBook Pro)

- 3.2GHz Quad-Core Intel Core i5 (iMac), 3.1GHz dual-core Intel Core i5 (MacBook)
- macOS v.10.10 Yosemite (minimum)
- 8 GB RAM (16 GB recommended)
- 512GB (SSD preferred) hard drive, with an additional external drive - 2 TB for Time Machine/back-up storage
- 27" screen size for iMac, 15" for MacBook Pro
- DVD-ROM drive (external SuperDrive)
- QuickTime software required for multimedia features

Please note that tablets (i.e.: iPads or Android tablets) are not suitable replacements for recommended computers. If purchasing a new MacBook, make sure to purchase appropriate USB-C adapters to connect jump drives and other peripherals.

Additional Peripherals (Recommended)

USB Scanner
USB Printer
USB Jump Drive (32 GB recommended)

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USB/Thunderbolt External Drive (2 TB recommended)

Also Required

- Trend Micro Titanium Maximum Security Premium (includes Antivirus, Antispyware, & Antiphishing)
- Broadband internet connection (cable, fiber, or DSL) highly recommended for accessing the FIDM eLearning System and online services

Discounts for Hardware/Software

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