COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS

Interior Design Program 2021

The Interior Design Program is proud to make use of the latest technology to prepare students more fully for the professional design world. In order to facilitate this process, all students will need a laptop computer. The software we use require more RAM and specific graphics cards that out-of-the-box laptops may not be equipped with, especially for upper level courses. The complex, advanced software that we use changes annually and requires more computing power, RAM, and graphics capabilities.

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CONFIGURATION

Advanced Graphics:

Below are the minimum system requirements a laptop for computer purchased for freshman and sophomore years.

BASIC LEVEL CONFIGURATION

Operating
System

Required Operating System (dictated by Mississippi State ITS) Windows 10

Recommended Optional Equipment:

External Hard Drive or Online Cloud Storage	Students are strongly encouraged to purchase an external, portable hard drive that can be used for computer back-ups and storage of large files. These are reasonably priced and available with varying amounts of storage space. We cannot over-emphasize the importance of performing regular backups of important documents and keeping backups in a separate location from the laptop. Should a laptop be lost or damaged, the backup will allow for file retrieval from another computer. Lost or damaged laptops are not acceptable

Should Include Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. (Microsoft Works is NOT an acceptable substitute)		
AutoCAD	Free	First Year (Fall)
Autodesk Revit	Free	Second Year (Spring)
Adobe Creative Cloud MONTHLY LICENSE	$19.99/MONTH	Second Year (Spring)
YEARLY LICENSE	$239.88/YEAR	
Rhinoceros (Rhino)	Free 90 day trial	Fourth Year (Fall or Spring)
SketchUp + SU Podium	$135 – 1-year student license	Second Year (Fall)
Lumion Pro Student	Free	Fourth Year (Fall)
Enscape3D	Free	Second Year (Spring)
Genius Scan (and smart phone to operate)	Free	First Year

*Given that technology/software change rapidly, there is a strong possibility that software requirements beyond listed above may be required.

Use of Macs:

Some of the software used in Interior Design is incompatible with the Apple Macintosh Operating System and M versions of the software are not available. Should a student choose to use a Mac they will need to enschoscho