

## Interior Design Program Laptop Requirements

Students are required to obtain a PC (not Mac) laptop 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.

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

- an Intel i7-7xxx CPU or better,
- 16 GB of RAM and a solid state hard drive,
- AMD or NVIDIA graphics.

May add video cards from Autodesk: [Video card info](#)

See specs for AutoCAD and Revit noting that these may change with the release of new versions of the software. Students typically take the Revit class in their 300 or 400-level year.

[AutoCAD 2018](#)

[Revit 2018](#) (Focus on the Balanced/Value option)

NOTE: A Mac laptop DOES NOT run AutoCAD and other required software. While MACs can have installed a “PC” option where one can go to run AutoCAD, this is VERY slow on a laptop. Performance issues make it ill-advised. Most professional design offices that use AutoCAD, use PC's. The ID labs use PC's; so it's best to get acquainted with them sooner rather than later.

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.