

**Department of Art
College of Arts & Letters
California State University Sacramento**

Laptop Policies for Art Majors*

Art majors in the Art Studio (BFA), Studio Art Methods (BA), and Art Education (BA) concentrations are required to have a MacOS or Windows-based laptop by their third semester, and (for BFA students) in advance of taking the Junior Seminar. Art minors are strongly recommended to also purchase a laptop according to the policy guidelines.

The laptop policy is tailored to your needs as an art student, no matter which medium you choose to emphasize in. It ensures that you have a computer that is adequate to successfully complete the classes in your major and emphasis, and equips you with flexibility to create, professionally document, and present your artworks from home and in any of the Art Department facilities. There are two specifications/software tiers for this requirement, depending on your area of studio emphasis. Use of laptops in particular courses will vary; consult with the instructor for details.

Laptop minimum specification/software tiers *

Required for Art Studio (BFA) and Studio Art Methods (BA) students in Ceramics, Painting & Drawing, Printmaking, and Sculpture emphasis groups, and Art Education (BA) students**	Required for Art Studio BFA students in New Media Art emphasis group**
64-bit Intel or AMD multicore processor or Apple M Series chip	64-bit Intel or AMD multicore processor or Apple M Series chip
16 GB RAM	32 GB RAM

Windows 11 or MacOS 12+	Windows 11 or MacOS 12+
Solid State (SSD) 256GB+	Solid-State Drive (SSD) 256GB+
	3-button mouse
<p>Recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adobe Creative Cloud (semester licenses may be included with some course enrollment) ● Additional software, per course requirements 	<p>Recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊘ Adobe Creative Cloud (semester licenses may be included with some course enrollment) ⊘ Additional software, per course requirements ⊘ Intel/AMD systems: NVIDIA Quadro, Geforce RTX, or AMD Radeon with 12GB VRAM+

* Financial Aid may be available to support your laptop purchase

** Interdisciplinary Group students – please consult with your advisor regarding your required tier.