

## LAPTOP COMPUTER REQUIREMENT

### REQUIREMENT OVERVIEW

Indiana University's Department of Apparel Merchandising and Interior Design strongly believe in utilizing computer technology as a student learning tool. The industries that we help prepare students to enter following graduation expect their employees to have a baseline understanding of computers and specialized design software upon entering the workforce. Further, our department recognizes that the increasing penetration of digital presentation technologies across design disciplines requires us to promote stronger technology and communication skills among our graduates.

***The Interior Design program requires students taking Design Studies courses to own a laptop computer. All of the Design Studies coursework will include in-class computer assignments.***

If you do not already own one, a laptop computer will prove to be a worthwhile investment. The IU-Bloomington campus and all undergraduate residence halls feature wireless network connectivity. Not only will you be able to use your computer for your Design Studies coursework, but for other classes, research needs, and online communications.

We recognize that purchasing a laptop computer is a personal decision that each student and family needs to evaluate. This information is designed only to guide that decision. However, there are some design-specific software programs required for Design Studies courses, so please be certain to read these requirements carefully before making any purchasing decisions.

If you have any questions about software requirements for Design Studies, please consult your course instructor.

### COMPUTER RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend purchasing a Windows PC laptop computer.

#### ***Hardware (laptop) minimum and recommended specifications:***

<b>Processor:</b>	Intel core i5 or i7 (i7 recommended)
<b>RAM:</b>	4GB <b>minimum</b> , 64-bit (6GB, 64-bit or above recommended)
<b>Video Card:</b>	NVIDIA Quadro 1000M or 2000M (NVIDIA Quadro 2000M recommended)
<b>Hard Drive:</b>	7200RPM or SSD (over 250GB in size)
<b>OS:</b>	Windows 7 (Professional, Ultimate, or Enterprise)
<b>Screen:</b>	14" minimum, high resolution, preferably 1080p (1920x1080)

**Note:** Microsoft Office, Antivirus and Adobe software such as Creative Suite, is available through IUware

### WHERE TO BUY A COMPUTER

Indiana University has agreements with vendors to make systems available to incoming and current students at a discount. Check the Computer Guide for available deals before shopping elsewhere.