Graduate students enrolling at the College for Creative Studies are required to own or purchase a laptop computer for their studies. The information below provides the hardware configuration and software requirements. Students will also have access to computers in the Graduate Lab and other sites on campus which will provide access to software.

If you have any questions about computer or software purchases, please contact Laurie Evans, Director of Academic Technologies at 313-664-1501 or levans@collegeforcreativestudies.edu.

Be sure to use your educational discount available at Apple Stores or the Apple online educational store and at Dell online with a letter of acceptance or school ID. For software, please visit the CCS bookstore or contact the bookstore at 313.664.5020 for the most competitive educational pricing on software bundles for your initial purchase and for any additional software needs.

### MFA Interdisciplinary Design

- **Mac Book Pro laptop**
  - 15" widescreen display
  - 2.2 ghz quad core Intel Core i7 or 2.4ghz quad core Intel Core i7
  - 8GB 1066 MHZ DDR3 SDRAM-2 x 4GB
  - 750GB serial ATA hard drive @ 7200 RPM
  - SuperDrive 8x DVD±R DL/DVD±RW/CD-RW
  - Mini Display Port to VGA Adapter (optional)
  - Apple care 3 year protection plan

### MFA Transportation Design

- **Dell Precision Mobile 6600**
  - Windows 7 professional 64 bit
  - Intel Core i7-2460M Dual core 2.80Ghz
  - 8GB DDR3-1333Mhz SDRAM, 2DIMMS
  - AMD FirePro M8900 Graphics with 2GB GDDR5
  - 320-500GB Hard Drive @7200RPM
  - 8X DVD+/-RW
  - 3 yr protection plan

### Program Software

- **Adobe Creative Suites 6 : Design Premium or Master Suite**
- **Microsoft Office Student**
- **Quick Time Pro**
- **IWork (Interdisciplinary Design, optional)**
- **Rhino (Interdisciplinary Design)**
- **Alias (Transportation Design: available as free download at students.autodesk.com > software downloads)**

If you already own a laptop or plan to purchase a different brand, please contact Laurie Evans in the Academic Technologies Department at 313.664.1501 to confirm that your equipment will meet our requirements.
The Graduate program has published hardware and software requirements for students entering the Interdisciplinary and Transportation MFA programs on Blackboard and the CCS website.

On-campus support from Academic Technologies and Information Technology Services for student computers will cover:

• **Software assistance.** If a student is having problems running the required software, CCS support will troubleshoot to help insure that applications are properly installed and that the student’s hardware is capable of running the application. CCS support services will not manage software licenses for students or teach a student how to use an application for the purposes of completing assignments. Academic Technologies can assist a student by providing access to software tutorials and introductory training to some applications. Academic Technologies will provide help with the use of the Blackboard and Groupwise (email) systems.

• **Network assistance.** CCS support services will assist a student with questions about or difficulty with connecting to the CCS network or the use of CCS wireless.

• **Printing.** CCS support services will assist a student in connecting to and using printers for the Graduate program.

• **Hardware.** CCS support services can offer limited assistance with hardware issues for student-owned computers. Repair or diagnostic work on a student computer is governed by the warranty on each individual machine; the degree to which we can work on a machine is therefore limited. If we are unable to fix an issue, we will assist in assessing the problem and in initiating and facilitating contact with an appropriate service provider in the area if that is necessary or appropriate.

To receive support, a student should contact the CCS helpdesk online through the link on the Blackboard home page or by phone at 313.664.7818. If the issue cannot be addressed directly through phone or online support, the student will be directed to make an appointment with either Academic Technologies or Information Technology Services and would need to take his/her computer to a support staff for further help. In this case, a computer may not be left with support staff for evaluation or repair; the student owner must be present for service to be provided. The student should be sure to have all warranty and license information available.

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