

Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising
Required Computer Specifications for All Majors

Software (free or via education discount)	
Adobe Creative Cloud	All enrolled students receive a subscription to the latest version of the Adobe Creative Cloud. Subscriptions are given to active FIDM student emails. Contact eLearning if you have not received an email invite.
Office 365 Online	View and edit Office documents for free in your web browser or download the apps to your device (full version - up to two computers) with your Office 365 Outlook student email. MS Office 2019 (one-time purchase) can be purchased at an education discount rate.
SketchUp Make	Design, Interior Design, Visual Communications
Rhino 6	Design majors - 90-day free trial - https://www.rhino3d.com/for/education/
Revit	Interior Design
Autodesk	AutoCAD, 3ds Max, Revit, & more - https://www.autodesk.com/education/students
Vectorworks	Visual Communications
Chrome & Firefox Web Browser for Mac OS and Windows	Canvas and Student Portal work best on these applications.

Mobile / iPad	
Canvas Student for iOS and Android	Review the QR code login to Canvas located in the FIDM Student HUB for how to access
Outlook email for iOS and Android	For email access using your FIDM email
Microsoft Authenticator App	For two step verification access to FIDM MYApps, email (Outlook), Canvas, and the Student Portal

Major
Beauty Marketing & Product Development
Digital Marketing
Visual Communications
International Manufacturing & Product Development
The Business of Denim
Menswear*
Interior Design*
Merchandising & Marketing*
Apparel Industry Management*
Apparel Technical Design*
Fashion Design*
Merchandise Product Development*
*Majors excluded from Apple Laptop/Desktop. Windows PC Laptop/Desktop ONLY .

Windows PC Laptop / Desktop (e.g. HP, Lenovo, Dell, etc.)	
Specification	Required
OS	Microsoft® Windows® 10 64-bit OS
RAM	8 GB RAM (16 GB recommended)
CPU	Intel® i7 processor
Display	At least a 15" display, capable of 1920x1080 resolution
GPU	Dedicated graphics card with at least 2 GB of VRAM memory (e.g. NVIDIA)
Storage	500GB or solid-state hard drive, with an additional external hard drive - 2 TB for back-up and storage

OR

Apple MacBook Pro Laptop / Desktop (iMac, Mac Pro, Mac Mini)	
Specification	Required
OS	macOS Monterey (minimum)
RAM	8 GB RAM (16 GB recommended)
CPU	Apple M1, M2 Pro or Max (recommended), Apple M1 or M2 (minimum)
Display	14-16" MacBook Pro (recommended) 13" MacBook Pro (minimum)
GPU	Apple GPU
Storage	256 GB (512 GB recommended) SSD hard drive, with an additional external hard drive - 2 TB for Time Machine / back-up storage

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	GPU	Apple GPU
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Major	
Digital Cinema	Please contact department for specific computer specs.
Digital Media	

Peripherals - Required	Discounts for Hardware / Software / Products	
Antivirus, anti-spyware, anti-malware software (e.g. Sophos Home, McAfee)	Apple	https://www.apple.com/us-edu/store
Broadband internet connection (cable, fiber, DSL)	Microsoft	https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/store/b/education
Three-button or magic mouse (USB, wireless)	SketchUp Pro	https://www.sketchup.com/plans-and-pricing#for-higher-education
Webcam	Other	http://www.journeyed.com http://collegebuys.org

Peripherals - Recommended	
Microphone / headset	Please note that tablets (i.e. iPads, Android tablets) or Chromebooks are not suitable replacements for required computers.
Printer	
USB flash drive (64 GB recommended)	
WACOM tablet (Graphic Design)	