

Academic Year 2026 Notebook Recommended Specs

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Programmes	Bring your own device (BYOD)	Standard Notebook (Windows)	High Performance Notebook (Windows)	Macbook Air / Macbook Pro	Remarks
		Processor: at least i5 (64 bit) / AMD Ryzen 5 Memory (RAM): min. 8GB Hard Disk: min. 512 GB SSD Graphics: Integrated Graphics	Processor: i7 (64 bit) / AMD Ryzen 7 or better Memory (RAM): at least 16GB / 32GB (Preferred) Hard Disk: min. 512GB SSD Graphics: 8 GB of GPU memory	Processor: M2 or better Memory (RAM): min. 16GB Hard Disk: min. 512GB SSD Note: Refer here for Adobe apps that can run natively on Apple silicon <a href="https://helpx.adobe.com/download-install/apps/system-requirements/apps-compatibility-mac-apple-silicon.html">https://helpx.adobe.com/download-install/apps/system-requirements/apps-compatibility-mac-apple-silicon.html</a>	Software provided for all students 1. Microsoft Office 2. Adobe Creative Cloud 3. Autodesk software
<b>Faculty of Art &amp; Design</b>					
Master of Fine Arts Fine Art	Compulsory		✓	✓	*Fine Art: For presentations, photography, video editing and visual effects/ motion graphics production.To achieve quality production across studio practices.
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Biophilic Design	Compulsory		✓	✓	There might be some software that requires Windows OS
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Design Practice	Compulsory		✓	✓	*3D & Spatial There might be some software that requires Windows OS *Fashion Domain Specialized software available for use in computer labs only
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Fine Art	Compulsory		✓	✓	*Fine Art: For presentations, photography, video editing and visual effects/ motion graphics production.To achieve quality production across studio practices.
Diploma in Design Communication and Strategy	Compulsory		✓	✓	Adobe Creative Cloud including Photoshop, Illustration, Indesign, After Effects and Premiere Pro
Diploma in Digital Illustration and Narrative	Compulsory		✓	✓	Adobe Creative Cloud including Photoshop, Illustration, Indesign, After Effects, Premiere Pro and Audition. For video editing and visual effect/ motion graphics work
Diploma in Design (Furniture and 3D Crafts)	Compulsory		✓		Windows OS required to run course software and specialised software needed for: Yr 1 sem2 - Adobe CC & AutoCad
Diploma in Design (Interior and Spatial)	Compulsory		✓		Yr 2 onwards - 3D Max, Sketchup, Lumion, Vray, Rhinoceros, Keyshot
Diploma in Design (Landscape and Architecture)	Compulsory		✓		
Diploma in Fashion	Compulsory		✓	✓	Specialised software available for use in computer labs only
Diploma in Art Teaching	Compulsory		✓	✓	*For presentations, photography, video editing and visual effects/ motion graphics production
Diploma in Fine Art	Compulsory		✓	✓	*For quality production across studio practices *Specialised softwares available for use in computer labs

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<b>Faculty of Performing Arts</b>					
Master of Composition	Recommended	✓		✓	Composition students should ideally have an Apple device (i.e. MacBook Air / MacBook Pro) to use Logic Pro X sequencing software Software on both windows/Mac (a) score typesetting on Sibelius / Finale / MuseScore (b) synthesis / generative applications such as Max / Ableton / VCV Rack
Master of Performance	Recommended	✓		✓	
Bachelor of Education (Honours) in Instrumental & Vocal Teaching	Recommended	✓		✓	
Bachelor of Music (Honours)	Recommended	✓		✓	
Diploma in Music	Recommended	✓		✓	
Diploma in Music Teaching	Recommended	✓		✓	
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Contemporary Chinese Theatres	Compulsory		✓	✓	For AutoCAD, Video & Music Editing and Photoshop for images
Diploma in Theatre (English Drama)	Compulsory		✓	✓	For AutoCAD, Video & Music Editing and Photoshop for images
Diploma in Theatre (Chinese Drama)	Compulsory		✓	✓	For AutoCAD, Video & Music Editing and Photoshop for images
Diploma in Dance	Compulsory		✓	✓	For AutoCAD, Video & Music Editing and Photoshop for images
<b>Faculty of Interdisciplinary Practices</b>					
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Performance Making	Compulsory		✓	✓	For AutoCAD, Video & Music Editing and Photoshop for images
Diploma in Arts Management	Compulsory		✓	✓	For AutoCAD, Video Editing and Photoshop