Required Laptop Purchase for Interactive Media Design program students

Students entering the Moraine Park Technical College Interactive Media Design Associate Degree program will be required to purchase a laptop computer and the Adobe Creative Cloud software. Students will have the option to purchase an Apple MacBook Pro or a Microsoft Windows based PC laptop. Students must purchase a laptop that meets the required, minimum specifications as listed below.

The laptop purchase along with the required purchase of the Adobe Creative Cloud software will provide students with their own, portable computer lab, and the tools they will need upon entering the work force.

The Interactive Media industry uses both the Mac based platform, and the Microsoft Windows / PC based platforms. It becomes a user’s choice as to what they are most comfortable with. The 3D animation program, 3D Studio Max that is taught at MPTC is a Microsoft Windows based program. It does not run on the Mac computers. We do teach the 3D animation classes in Microsoft Windows based PC labs, so it isn’t necessary to own a Microsoft Windows computer to take the 3D animation classes. The advantage to purchasing a Microsoft Windows based computer will allow the student the flexibility to work on their 3D class work at their own time schedule.

There will be a limited number of Microsoft Windows laptops available through the MPTC Book Store on the West Bend Campus. All of the required software can be purchased through the MPTC West Bend campus bookstore, or you may purchase directly through Adobe. Financial aid may cover all or a portion of these purchases. To find out how much, please contact Student Services by phone: (920) 924-3207 or e-mail: financialaid@morainepark.edu.

This computer is something that you will rely on for quite some time, even after graduation.

MPTC Student Computer Clinic will be available to assist with software setup and maintenance such as setting up e-mail, connecting to the server, printing, etc.

If you have any questions about the software or the laptop purchase, please feel free to contact Tom Ward, or Joe Sibilski, Interactive Media Design Faculty, by e-mail: jsibilski@morainepark.edu or phone: (262) 335-5772
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Microsoft Windows based PC

- 4th Generation Intel® Core™ i7-3632QM processor
- Windows 8, 64-bit, English
- 15” screen
- 16GB 1 DDR3 SDRAM at 1600MHz
- 500GB hard drive
- NVIDIA® GeForce® GT 640M with 2GB GDDR5 VRAM – It is important to have a dedicated video card with these minimum specifications.

**Required Minimum Specifications:**

**MacBook Pro - 15-inch**

- 2.5GHz quad-core Intel Core i7
- Turbo Boost up to 3.7GHz
- 16GB 1600MHz memory
- 512GB PCIe-based flash storage
- Intel Iris Pro Graphics
- NVIDIA GeForce GT 750M with 2GB GDDR5 memory – It is important to have a dedicated video card with these minimum specifications