

2023 Annenberg Laptop, Software, and Other Required Equipment Policies

All undergraduate and graduate Annenberg majors and minors are required to have a PC or Apple laptop that can be used in Annenberg classes. To connect to USC's Secure Wireless network, please visit USC's [Information Technology Services](#) website.

LAPTOP REQUIREMENTS (Note: new Apple laptops CANNOT have their RAM or SSD storage upgraded after initial purchase.):

Type: MAC	MINIMUM	RECOMMENDED
Processor	Intel, Native Apple Silicon, Rosetta2 Supported Quad-Core Processor	8-Core or above for Multi-Frame Rendering
Operating System	macOS Big Sur v11.0 or later	macOS Monterey v12.0 or later
Display/Resolution	13-inch screen/1920 x 1080	14 to 16-inch screen/1920 x 1080 or higher
Memory	16GB RAM	32GB RAM
Hard Drive Storage	256GB solid state drive	512GB+ solid state drive
Graphics Card	2GB of GPU VRAM	4GB+ of GPU VRAM
Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USB 3-port or USB-C (with adapters) • Wireless connectivity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USB 3-port or USB-C (with adapters) • Ethernet adapter • Wireless & Bluetooth connectivity • Integrated webcam • Media Card reader
Software	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QuickTime Media Player • AnyConnect VPN (available from USC ITS) • Google Chrome • Adobe Creative Cloud (available by invitation from Annenberg) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QuickTime Media Player • AnyConnect VPN (available from USC ITS) • Google Chrome • Adobe Creative Cloud (available by invitation from Annenberg)

Type: PC	MINIMUM	RECOMMENDED
Processor	Intel or AMD Quad-Core Processor	8-Core or above for Multi-Frame Rendering
Operating System	Microsoft Windows 10 (64-bit) V20H2 or later	Microsoft Windows 10 (64-bit) V20H2 or later
Display/Resolution	14-inch screen/1920 x 1080	14 to 16-inch screen/1920 x 1080 or higher
Memory	16GB RAM	32GB RAM
Hard Drive Storage	256GB solid state drive	512GB+ solid state drive
Graphics Card	2GB of GPU VRAM	4GB+ of GPU VRAM
Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USB 2-port • Wireless connectivity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USB 3-port • Ethernet port • Wireless (N/G/B) & Bluetooth connectivity • Integrated webcam • Media Card reader
Software	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QuickTime Media Player • AnyConnect VPN (available from USC ITS) • Google Chrome • Adobe Creative Cloud (available by invitation from Annenberg) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QuickTime Media Player • AnyConnect VPN (available from USC ITS) • Google Chrome • Adobe Creative Cloud (available by invitation from Annenberg)

For additional questions about computer requirements see: [After Effects system requirements - Adobe Help Center](#). If you have questions, please contact our Information Technology and Facilities Management department at asctech@usc.edu or (213) 740-5297.