All students in the College of Journalism and Mass Communications are required to purchase, lease, or have ready access to a laptop computer that meets or exceeds the specifications listed below. Students can choose between a Windows or Mac platform.

### Requirements

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<th>Windows</th>
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<td><strong>CPU</strong></td>
<td>Intel 11th Generation i5 Minimum, i7 Recommended. Quad Core + Required</td>
<td>M1 Apple Silicon Minimum, M2 Preferred</td>
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<td><strong>Display</strong></td>
<td>13” Full-HD Minimum, 14”-15” Preferred</td>
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<td><strong>Ram</strong></td>
<td>16 GB Minimum</td>
<td>8 GB Minimum, 16 GB Preferred</td>
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<td><strong>Disk Storage</strong></td>
<td>500 GB Minimum, SSD Recommended</td>
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<td><strong>Video Card</strong></td>
<td>AMD or Nvidia graphics card Required</td>
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<td><strong>OS</strong></td>
<td>Windows 10 (64-bit) version 22H2 or higher</td>
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### Required Software

Adobe Creative Cloud - available free to UNL students

### Recommended Additions

A 3-year extended warranty  
External drive (1TB or larger) for backups  
Microsoft Office - available at a steep discount at HuskerTech, the UNL Computer Store

### Funding

You may be able to finance your computer or software purchases through financial aid. To determine your eligibility, please contact the Husker Hub.

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