

FLASHPOINT CHICAGO

A CAMPUS OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE HOLLYWOOD

TEXTBOOK AND COMPUTER HARDWARE & SOFTWARE INFORMATION

TEXTBOOKS & COURSE MATERIALS

Copies of textbooks, readings, and other reference materials used in courses at Flashpoint Chicago are available online, held in reserve in the Library/Learning Commons, or made available via Canvas LMS. Required and recommended books and supplementary materials for each course are listed in the course syllabus and posted on the college website prior to the start of each quarter. Students can find the most current textbook list on the [Textbooks & Course Materials](#) page of the Flashpoint Chicago website.

LAPTOP COMPUTER SPECIFICATIONS

A new student who enrolls at Flashpoint Chicago is required to own a laptop computer that **meets or exceeds the following *minimum* specifications.**

Degree Program	Operating System	Processor	RAM (minimum)	Internal Drive (minimum)	Graphics	Display	External HD
BFA VFX	Windows 10	Intel i7	8 GB	512 GB SSD or 7300 RPM HDD	Nvidia 1050	1920 x 1080	1 TB
BFA GDIM	Macbook Pro OS X	Intel i7 2.3 GHz Dual	8 GB	256GB SSD	Intel Iris Plus 640	Retina	500GB
BFA Cinema	Macbook Pro OS X	Intel® 6 th Gen or newer CPU	16 GB	512 GB SSD or 1 TB 7200 RPM HDD	2 GB of GPU VRAM minimum 4GB of GPU VRAM Recommended	1440 x 900	1 TB minimum
AAS Film	Macbook Pro OS X	Intel® 6 th Gen or newer CPU	16 GB	512 GB SSD or 1 TB 7200 RPM HDD	2 GB of GPU VRAM minimum 4GB of GPU VRAM Recommended	1440 x 900	1 TB minimum
AAS Recording Arts	Macbook Pro OS X	Intel i5	16 GB	512 GB SSD or 1 TB 7200 RPM HDD	Intel Iris	1440 x 900	1 TB

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REQUIRED SOFTWARE PROGRAMS & LICENSES

Required software is listed below by degree program. Students must maintain software licenses for the duration of the program.

AAS FILM and BFA CINEMA REQUIRED SOFTWARE			
Software Name	Publisher	Used for	For more information
Adobe Creative Cloud	Adobe	all courses	adobe.com/creativecloud.html
Final Draft	Final Draft	screenwriting	store.finaldraft.com/final-draft-11-edu.html
Movie Magic Scheduling	Entertainment Partners	Producing emphasis	https://shop.ep.com/academic
Movie Magic Budgeting	Entertainment Partners	Producing emphasis	https://shop.ep.com/academic

AAS RECORDING ARTS REQUIRED SOFTWARE			
Software Name	Publisher	Used for	For more information
Pro Tools	Avid Technology	All audio work	avid.com/avid-for-education/students

BFA VISUAL EFFECTS & AFA VISUAL EFFECTS + ANIMATION REQUIRED SOFTWARE			
Software Name	Publisher	Used for	For more information
Adobe Creative Cloud	Adobe	all courses	adobe.com/creativecloud.html
Zbrush	Pixologic	digital sculpting	pixologic.com
NukeX	The Foundry	compositing	foundry.com/products/nuke
Houdini	SideFX	dynamics simulation	sidefx.com/products/houdini/
Maya	Autodesk	3D modeling, rigging, animation	https://www.autodesk.com/education/edu-software/overview?sorting=featured&page=1

BFA GRAPHIC DESIGN + INTERACTIVE MEDIA & AFA DESIGN + VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRED SOFTWARE			
Software Name	Publisher	Used for	For more information
Adobe Creative Cloud	Adobe	All courses	adobe.com/creativecloud.html
Microsoft Office Suite	Microsoft	All courses	https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/education/products/office
Brackets	Brackets	web development	brackets.io/
Glyphs	Glyphsapp.com	typography	glyphsapp.com