ENVD STUDIO SUPPLIES & LAPTOP RECOMMENDATIONS

LAPTOP RECOMMENDATIONS

At Environmental Design, computers are an important design and communication tool where processing power is of the utmost importance. Though computers are utilized more in the upper-class-levels of the program, these recommendations are intended to guide those who plan to purchase a computer at the first-year level to last the duration of their undergraduate experience. The university, in conjunction with ENVD, maintains a limited number of workstations in a lab setting for students to utilize. If able to, ENVD recommends that students acquire their own personal computer.

ENVD recommends a Windows operating system. Some prominent design programs only run on Windows, and hardware components (memory, graphics cards, etc) are typically upgradable. Though a computer with MacOS can work for some students most of the time, they are not recommended with Apple’s currently available specifications.

Recommended specifications:
- Windows 10
- Intel Core i7 (11th gen) processor or greater
- 16 GB RAM or greater
- 512 GB storage or greater
- Preferably a dedicated graphics card
- M325 Logitech Bluetooth Mouse (or similar 5-button w/ scroll)
- Technology Platforms including Adobe CC & Zoom

Please plan to spend about $100 each semester on various design software.

STUDIO SUPPLIES

First year students in Environmental Design will receive a studio supply toolkit at their orientation. Incoming students will be responsible for purchasing the following items:

- Sketchbook (5” x 8.25”)
- Bristol pad (9” x 12”)
- Lead pointer
- Circle stencil
- Toolbox
- Kevlar-lined cut resistant gloves
- Utility Knife
- Mini-glue gun (high temp)
- White duct tape
- Miter box

Your syllabus will note any additional supplies you may need.