**Communication Studies Student Laptop Specifications**

The Department of Communication Studies use a combination of PC and Mac hardware and software and recommends using an Apple laptop with windows installed.

**Apple Spec Minimum $2000**

*15-inch MacBook Pro with Retina display* 2.2GHz Quad-core Intel Core i7, Turbo Boost up to 3.4GHz  
16GB 1600MHz DDR3L SDRAM  
256GB PCIe-based Flash Storage  
Intel Iris Pro Graphics  
Backlit Keyboard (English) & User’s Guide Accessory Kit  
Thunderbolt to Gigabit Ethernet Adapter

**Software**

Virtual Box – Freeware  
Avid Media Composer $10 per month license  
Avid Pro Tools $10 per month  
Final Draft $99 buy outright  
Microsoft Office suite $150 buy outright  
Adobe Creative Cloud $16 per month  
SPSS $92 12 month license  
Camtasia

Non-studio intensive programs within the Departments may have less specialized software needs and may be able to meet their classroom expectations with standard productivity software such as Microsoft Office.