
Laptop Specifications

2026 entry

These specifications are recommended to ensure that your laptop can run the programs that your course uses. For questions about these specifications, please email hello@rave.ac.uk or speak to your course leader during your first week.

Aspire

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Ravensbourne specified Mac and PC laptops will be available on the site. Apple MacBook specifications will be available at a price matching the educational discount on the Apple site. Eligible students will be automatically notified once their Aspire accounts are active, within four weeks of enrolment. Further details can be found on our [bursaries page](#).



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Architecture

Course	Operating system	Processor	Storage	RAM	Graphics card	Additional notes
BA (Hons) Architecture	MacOS 14 (Sonoma) or later - or - Windows 11 or later	Windows Minimum: Intel core i5 or AMD Ryzen 5 Windows Recommended: Intel Core i7/i9 or AMD Ryzen 7/9 Mac: M2 or later	Minimum 512GB	16GB – minimum 32GB – recommended	Dedicated video card minimum 4GB VRAM recommended 8GB VRAM Windows: NVIDIA Mac: M2 or later	Screen size - a larger screen provides more workspace, however, portability is also a factor. Alternatively, you can invest in an external monitor for working at home. Minimum: 14 inches Desirable: 16 inches Mouse - a 2-button mouse with a scroll wheel will make working faster, more precise and comfortable
BA (Hons) Interior Architecture and Reuse						
BA (Hons) Urban Landscape Architecture						
BSc (Hons) Architectural Design Engineering						
MA Architecture	MacOS 14 (Sonoma) or later - or - Windows 11 or later	Windows Minimum: Intel core i5 or AMD Ryzen 5 Windows Recommended: Intel Core i7/i9 or AMD Ryzen 7/9 Mac: M2 or later	Minimum 512GB	16GB – minimum 32GB – recommended	Dedicated video card minimum 4GB VRAM recommended 8GB VRAM Windows: NVIDIA Mac: M2 or later	Screen size - a larger screen provides more workspace, however, portability is also a factor. Alternatively, you can invest in an external monitor for working at home. Minimum: 14 inches Desirable: 16 inches Mouse - a 2-button mouse with a scroll wheel will make working faster, more precise and comfortable

Design

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BA (Hons) Advertising and Brand Design	MacOS 14 (Sonoma) or later	M2 or later, MacBook Air or Macbook Pro	Minimum 512GB	16GB – minimum	M2 or later	We strongly recommend purchasing a USB3 USBc Portable SSD to back up and extend storage. (SanDisk, Samsung, Crucial, Kingston, Western Digital)
BA (Hons) 3D Animation	Windows 11 or later	Intel Core i7/i9 or AMD Ryzen 7/9	Minimum 1TB	24GB – minimum	NVIDIA RTX 40XX 8-16GB VRAM or 50XX 8-16GB VRAM	
BA (Hons) Animation 3D (inc with Year 0)	We suggest student purchase a laptop once they know which direction (2D/3D Animation) they might go towards.					
BA (Hons) Animation	MacOS 14 (Sonoma) or later - or - Windows 11 or later	Windows: Intel Core i7 or AMD Ryzen 7 Mac: M2 or later	Minimum 512GB	16GB – minimum	Mac: M2 or later, Windows: NVIDIA RTX	Important: iPads are useful to supplement your tool kit but they can't replace the requirement for a laptop in class. We strongly recommend purchasing a USB3 USBc Portable SSD to back up and extend storage. (SanDisk, Samsung, Crucial, Kingston, Western Digital)
BA (Hons) Animation (inc with Year 0)	We suggest student purchase a laptop once they know which direction (2D/3D Animation) they might go towards.					
BA (Hons) Character Design and Concept Art	MacOS 14 (Sonoma) or later - or - Windows 11 or later	Windows: Intel Core i7/i9 or AMD Ryzen 7/9 Mac: M2 or later	Minimum 512GB	16GB – minimum	Mac: M2 or later, Windows: NVIDIA RTX	Important: iPads are useful to supplement your tool kit but they can't replace the requirement for a laptop in class. We strongly recommend purchasing a USB3 USBc Portable SSD to back up and extend storage. (SanDisk, Samsung, Crucial, Kingston, Western Digital)

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BA (Hons) Digital Content Creation	MacOS 14 (Sonoma) or later - or - Windows 11 or later	Windows: Intel Core i7 or AMD Ryzen 7 Mac: M2 or later	Minimum 512GB	16GB – minimum	Mac: M2 or later, Windows: NVIDIA RTX	We strongly recommend purchasing a USB3 USBc Portable SSD to back up and extend storage. (SanDisk, Samsung, Crucial, Kingston, Western Digital)
BA (Hons) Digital Photography	MacOS 14 (Sonoma) or later	M2 or later, MacBook Air or Macbook Pro			M2 or later	Important: Windows laptops are not suitable for this course. We strongly recommend purchasing a USB3 USBc Portable SSD to back up and extend storage. (SanDisk, Samsung, Crucial, Kingston, Western Digital)
BA (Hons) Graphic Design	MacOS 14 (Sonoma) or later - or - Windows 11 or later	Windows: Intel Core i7 or AMD Ryzen 7 Mac: M2 or later			Mac: M2 or later, Windows: NVIDIA RTX	Important: iPads are useful to supplement your tool kit but they can't replace the requirement for a laptop in class. We strongly recommend purchasing a USB3 USBc Portable SSD to back up and extend storage. (SanDisk, Samsung, Crucial, Kingston, Western Digital)
BA (Hons) Illustration for Communication						
BA (Hons) Motion Graphics	Windows 11 or later	Intel Core i7/i9 or AMD Ryzen 7/9	Minimum 1TB	32GB – minimum	NVIDIA RTX 40XX 8-24GB VRAM or 50XX 8-24GB VRAM	Important: Apple Silicon does not currently support the software required in this subject We strongly recommend purchasing a USB3 USBc Portable SSD to back up and extend storage. (SanDisk, Samsung, Crucial, Kingston, Western Digital)
BA (Hons) Product Design				24GB – minimum 32GB – recommended	NVIDIA RTX 40XX 8GB VRAM or better	

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BA (Hons) User-Experience and User-Interface (UX/UI) Design	MacOS 14 (Sonoma) or later	M2 or later, MacBook Air or Macbook Pro	Minimum 512GB	16GB – minimum	M2 or later	We strongly recommend purchasing a USB3 USBc Portable SSD to back up and extend storage. (SanDisk, Samsung, Crucial, Kingston, Western Digital)
MA Design Communication	MacOS 14 (Sonoma) or later - or - Windows 11 or later	Windows: Intel Core i7 or AMD Ryzen 7 Mac: M2 or later			Mac: M2 or later, Windows: NVIDIA RTX	
MA Design Management						
MA/MFA Digital Photography	MacOS 14 (Sonoma) or later	M2 or later, MacBook Air or Macbook Pro			M2 or later	Important: Windows laptops are not suitable for this course. We strongly recommend purchasing a USB3 USBc Portable SSD to back up and extend storage. (SanDisk, Samsung, Crucial, Kingston, Western Digital)
MA Illustration	MacOS 14 (Sonoma) or later - or - Windows 11 or later	Windows: Intel Core i7 or AMD Ryzen 7 Mac: M2 or later			Mac: M2 or later, Windows: NVIDIA RTX	We strongly recommend purchasing a USB3 USBc Portable SSD to back up and extend storage. (SanDisk, Samsung, Crucial, Kingston, Western Digital)

Fashion

Course	Operating system	Processor	Storage	RAM	Graphics card	Additional notes
BA (Hons) Fashion	MacOS 14 (Sonoma) or later - or - Windows 11 or later	Windows Minimum: Intel core i5 or AMD Ryzen 5 Windows Recommended: Intel Core i7/i9 or AMD Ryzen 7/9 Mac: M2 or later	Minimum 512GB	16GB - minimum	As installed	
BA (Hons) Fashion Buying and Brand Management			Minimum 512GB + 512GB External Drive			
BA (Hons) Fashion Promotion and Communication						
MA Digital Fashion Futures		Windows: Intel Core i7/i9 or AMD Ryzen 7/9 Mac: M2 or later	Minimum 512GB	Mac: 24GB or higher Windows: 32GB or higher	Mac: M2 or later, Windows: NVIDIA RTX	
MA International Fashion Marketing		Windows Minimum: Intel core i5 or AMD Ryzen 5 Windows Recommended: Intel Core i7/i9 or AMD Ryzen 7/9 Mac: M2 or later		16GB - minimum	As installed	
MBA Fashion: Business Entrepreneurship						
MA Luxury Brand Management						
MSc International Fashion Marketing						

Media & Film

Course	Operating system	Processor	Storage	RAM	Graphics card	Additional notes
BSc (Hons) Broadcast Engineering	Windows 11 or later	Intel Core i7/i9	Minimum 512GB	16GB – minimum 32GB – recommended	Dedicated video card minimum 4GB VRAM recommended 8GB VRAM	Lenovo Thinkpad T490 is recommended.
BA (Hons) Digital Film Production	MacOS 14 (Sonoma) or later - or - Windows 11 or later	Windows: Intel Core i7/i9 or AMD Ryzen 7/9 Mac: M2 or later	Minimum 512GB +1TB External Drive		Dedicated video card minimum 4GB VRAM recommended 8GB VRAM Windows: NVIDIA RTX Mac: M2 or later	
BA (Hons) Digital Television Production			Minimum 512GB + 1TB External Drive			
BA (Hons) Editing and Post Production			Minimum 1TB			
BA (Hons) Music and Sound Production	MacOS 14 (Sonoma) or later	Mac: M2 or later			M2 or later	
					As installed	Device needs to be able to adobe creative cloud applications.

Business

Course	Operating system	Processor	Storage	RAM	Graphics card	Additional notes
BSc (Hons) Business Management (inc. with year 0)	MacOS 14 (Sonoma) or later - or - Windows 11 or later	Windows Minimum: Intel core i5 or AMD Ryzen 5 Mac: M2 or later	Minimum 512GB	16GB – minimum 32GB – recommended	As installed	MS Office with Word, PowerPoint, and Excel.
BSc (Hons) Digital Marketing		Windows Minimum: Intel core i5 or AMD Ryzen 5 Windows Recommended: Intel Core i7/i9 or AMD Ryzen 7/9 Mac: M2 or later				No iPads/chromebooks etc. Minimum 256GB storage
MSc Digital Marketing						
MSc Project Management	Windows 11 or later	Windows Minimum: Intel core i5 or AMD Ryzen 5 Windows Recommended: Intel Core i7/i9 or AMD Ryzen 7/9				
Masters of Business Administration	MacOS 14 (Sonoma) or later - or - Windows 11 or later	Windows Minimum: Intel core i5 or AMD Ryzen 5 Windows Recommended: Intel Core i7/i9 or AMD Ryzen 7/9 Mac: M2 or later				
MSc Events Management						
MSc Engineering Management	Windows 11 or later	Windows Minimum: Intel core i5 or AMD Ryzen 5 Windows Recommended: Intel Core i7/i9 or AMD Ryzen 7/9				
MSc Strategic Marketing and Analytics						
MSc Accounting & Finance	Windows 11 or later	Windows Minimum: Intel core i5 or AMD Ryzen 5 Windows Recommended: Intel Core i7/i9 or AMD Ryzen 7/9	Minimum 512GB	16GB – minimum 32GB – recommended	As installed	

Computing

Course	Operating system	Processor	Storage	RAM	Graphics card	Additional notes	
BSc (Hons) Computer Science	Windows 11 or later	Intel Core i7/i9 or AMD Ryzen 7/9	Minimum 512GB Recommended 1TB	32GB - minimum	RTX4060 or higher w/ 16GB VRAM		
BSc (Hons) Business Computing	MacOS 14 (Sonoma) or later - or - Windows 11 or later	Windows: Intel Core i7/i9 or AMD Ryzen 7/9 Mac: M2 or later	Minimum 512GB		As installed	Mac preferred (MacBook Pro rather than MacBook Air), Windows is fine for candidates who are more familiar with it	
BSc (Hons) Cyber Security	Windows 11 or later	Intel Core i7/i9 or AMD Ryzen 7/9	Minimum 512GB Recommended 1TB	32GB – recommended	NVIDIA GeForce RTX 40XX-50XX	512GB or 1TB storage. 32 GB RAM is recommended to ensure virtual machines run smoothly	
BA (Hons) Games Art			Minimum 1TB	32GB – minimum 64GB – recommended		NVIDIA RTX 40XX-50XX	1TB storage. Mac laptops are not suitable for this course
BA (Hons) Games Design			Minimum 1TB +1TB External Drive	32GB - minimum	NVIDIA RTX 40XX 12 to 16 GB VRAM	Mac laptops are not suitable for this course.	
BA (Hons) Games Development							
BA (Hons) Games Programming							
MSc Computer Science							
MSc Cyber Security			Minimum 512GB Recommended 1TB	16GB – minimum 32GB – recommended	As installed		
MSc Cyber Security Management					As installed w/ at least 1 HDMI output		
MSc Software Engineering					32GB - minimum	As installed	
MSc IT management					16GB – minimum 32GB – recommended		
MSc Business & Data Analytics							