Bristol Old Vic
Theatre School

MA PERFORMANCE DESIGN - COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS

You will need a laptop which could be a PC or a Mac (not a chromebook) , ideally less than 3 years old. It should be able to handle video calls. This will be a Key designer tool, not only for the course but for professional practice.

For learning CAD, you will find it useful to have a 3 button mouse (one with a left and right button and a scroll wheel in the middle). You will need to be able to run Adobe Photoshop / Illustrator / InDesign and AutoCAD which we will supply for the duration of the course. We use google suite and google classroom in the school.

	Recommended	Minimum
Processor	Multicore Intel® or AMD processor (2 GHz or faster processor with SSE 4.2 or later) with 64-bit support (PC/ Mac)	
Operating system	Windows 10 or later64-bit (version 20H2) or later; LTSC versions are not supported / Apple MacOS Big Sur (ver 11.0)	
Memory	16 GB or more	8 GB
Graphics card	• GPU with DirectX 12 support (PC) / GPU with Metal support (Mac) • 4 GB of GPU memory for 4k displays and greater	• GPU with DirectX 12 support (PC) / GPU with Metal support (Mac) • 2 GB of GPU memory
Disk Space	50GB available space	27GB available space
Storage space	500GB SSD	

For more info about system requirements follow the links below:
Adobe System Requirements
AutoCad system requirements

In addition to this, many students also find that a tablet with a stylus (such as iPad and iPad pencil) and a program like procreate is also very useful.

Please let us know if you are unable to access a computer of this Specification for the course.

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