The ARE/CNS Department has instituted a mandatory laptop policy beginning with students entering the Professional Program in the Fall of 2018. By signing the Professional Program application, the student acknowledges this department laptop policy, agrees to comply by the first day of class of the semester in which the student is entering the professional program, and agrees to have in class a fully functional laptop with the minimum system requirements for all Professional Program courses for which a laptop is mandatory as noted in the course syllabus.

Minimum and Recommended Laptop Requirements for Students Entering the Professional Programs Beginning Fall 2018

Minimum Requirements:
- Windows 10 Pro (64-bit). If using a Mac, it must have Windows installed with Boot Camp
- 7th Generation Intel i5-7200U Processor (dual core, 2.5 GHz base clock with 3.1GHz Turbo Boost, 3MB cache)
- 8GB RAM
- Direct X 11 capable graphics card or on-board graphics processor
- 1 TB 5400RPM hard drive or 500GB solid state drive
- 15” Screen
- **Approximate Cost: $500-$700**

*Note: When purchasing a laptop exceeding the minimum requirements, priority should be given to an upgraded processor.

Recommended Requirements:
- Windows 64-bit operating system
- 7th Generation Intel i7-6700HQ Processor (quad core, 2.6GHz base clock with 3.5GHz Turbo Boost, 6MB cache)
- 16GB RAM
- Dedicated Graphics card with 2GB memory
- 1 TB 5400RPM hard drive or 500GB solid state drive
- 17” Screen
- **Approximate Cost: $900-$1,100**