UNL College of Architecture
2025 - 2026 Required Software: Help Sheet

<u>Application Software (items requiring student purchase in bold)</u>

All Students: Graphics: Adobe Creative Cloud*
                                            Business: Microsoft Office 365*
                                            Virus: Cortex XDR*

Architecture Students: Autodesk*: AutoCAD, AutoCAD Architecture, and Revit.
                              3D Modeling: Rhino 8**

Architecture students/guardians may wish to research computer/program compatibility for laptop purchases that do not meet the recommendations in the computer policy.

Interior Design Students: Autodesk*: AutoCAD and Revit
                                            Modeling: Rhino 8** and Lumion*

Due to the program software requirements, Apple MacBook Pro laptops are not recommended for Interior Design majors.

Landscape Architecture Students: Autodesk: AutoCAD
                                      3D Modeling: Rhino 8** and Lumion*

*The following software is available for free download:
- Cortex XDR Anti-Virus is available for free download from: https://antivirus.unl.edu/
- Microsoft Office 365 can be installed after signing in to the web portal: https://aka.ms/office-install
- Autodesk software is available at: https://students.autodesk.com - see Autodesk Help Sheet for directions.
- Lumion offers its software free to students. https://lumion.com/product/educational-licenses
- Adobe Creative Cloud: https://go.unl.edu/cc

Educational pricing for Rhino 8 at the UNL Huskertech Computer Store. https://huskertech.unl.edu/shop/software/

The University of Nebraska prohibits the use of pirated software or digital media. Students may be asked to present proof of software ownership. Students who have pirated software or digital media on their computers will not be serviced and can be reported to Student Judicial Affairs.

Students should download and install the software before arriving for the fall semester.

2026 AutoCAD, AutoCAD Architecture, Revit

For the 2025-2026 academic year, the College of Architecture will continue using the Autodesk Student Software Program, focusing on AutoCAD, AutoCAD Architecture, and Revit. Students are encouraged to upgrade to the current version every year.

To obtain software, students are required to create an account with Autodesk at https://students.autodesk.com/ using their student **@huskers.unl.edu** email address. (Student email accounts are accessible from the https://portal.office.com website.) You will need to upload a picture of your UNL student ID or transcript as part of the account creation process.

Once registered with Autodesk, students will be able to download software installers directly from Autodesk. These installers vary in size from 2.5 GB to 14.6 GB.

More detailed directions can be found on the Autodesk Student Download Instructions document on the Computer Policy web page.

https://architecture.unl.edu/resources/computer-and-software

Rhino 8

Educational licenses for Rhino 8 are available at the UNL Computer Shop located in room 122 of the Nebraska Union (402-472-5151). The educational version is identical to the commercial version, only sold at a discounted price. The license currently costs $95. https://huskertech.unl.edu/shop/software/

Note: The Rhino 8 package purchased from UNL Computer Shop only contains the license code, not the install media. Please use the download link below for the installer.

Download link:https://www.rhino3d.com/download

Adobe Creative Cloud

The College of Architecture requires several Adobe products for all programs. These products are available for free to all enrolled UNL students. Follow the directions in the link below to sign in to Adobe.com and install the Creative Cloud program. Once installed, use the Creative Cloud portal to install Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, and Acrobat.

https://go.unl.edu/cc

Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Outlook & PowerPoint)

As part of the Microsoft Campus Licensing Program with UNL, Microsoft Office programs (Word, Excel, etc.) can be installed for free through the Internet email portal after signing in with your @husker.unl.edu email address at:

https://aka.ms/office-install

Effective May 20, 2019, the @huskers.unl.edu email account is the official campus communication for all students for university-related information.