

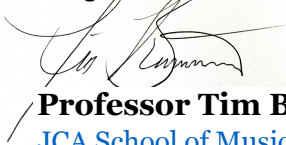
Dear Students and Faculty,

The computer and smart device you choose will hopefully become tools that you can rely on throughout your time at Butler, and advance your career upon graduation. I'm recommending any [Apple MacBook Pro](#) laptop for JCA students and faculty, as these "all-in-one" operating system+software+network devices are ideal for arts-dependent computing (see URLs below). I also recommend supplementing your laptop or desktop computer with an [iPhone](#) and possibly an [iPad](#). Both are highly interactive with Mac computers' apps and media, and are well-integrated across most private and shared digital art workplaces. Please note that JCA students are not required to purchase any device for any degree, and we provide access to iMacs, keyboards, cameras and JCA-specific applications for JCA technology-dependent courses during posted open hours in JCA's [Multisensory Learning Facilities](#) (Lilly Hall, Room 149)

During your first or second year at Butler, you may enroll in ME330 REPRESENTING YOURSELF. ME330 and at least one other technology-integration course are required for Music majors. These tech-integration courses are one credit each and can be taken as electives. In addition to honing your public speaking skills, ME330 "SELF-REP" will help you design and launch your professional website (ePortfolio), which you'll add to throughout your professional growth at Butler and present during your Senior Capstone just prior to graduation. Combined, these tech courses introduce you to the latest versions of multi-track recording (GarageBand and Logic Pro), music notation (Sibelius and Finale), and multimedia production (iMovie and Final Cut Pro). You're welcome to work on JCA's iMacs which are "hard-wired" to the internet, larger and faster, and recommended for multimedia projects. Owning your own MacBook Pro allows you 24/7 access to a basic suite of applications, though you can purchase and install run the same high-end apps such Logic Pro, Final Cut Pro, and Adobe's Creative Suite. As a student, you will also have unlimited access Butler's secure wireless network in classrooms, dorms and most common spaces across campus. You can learn more about our [Facilities](#), get help with installations, configuring and testing by dropping by LH149 and visit with one of our student staffers during [open hours](#).

Whether you purchase a computer [online](#) or at an Apple store, be sure to indicate that you're a student to qualify for education discounts on hardware, software and Apple's Protection Plan. I recommend students and faculty purchase an Apple Protection Plan.

Congratulations on becoming a Bulldog, and welcome to Butler!



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