

3Dspaces_I | Fall 2025 Syllabus: <https://3dspace.nma-course.online/>

Introductions

Student Info Form: [Student info form for our class](#)

(fill out ASAP please)

Primary Software

- Substance Designer & Painter [Links & Resources](#) - in class review
- Maya: [Maya](#) 2026 site
- 3D Modeling - Master List of Links - [HERE](#)
- Substance Software Resources - [HERE](#)

ART examples

- Travis Saul - [nothing blooms](#)
 - [Animal and movement exploration](#) by artist [Tobias Gremmler](#) - and his [insta](#)
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Homework due on Thursday (Aug 28)

SOFTWARE INSTALLATIONS

(TFOUR STEPS)

1. Creative Cloud License

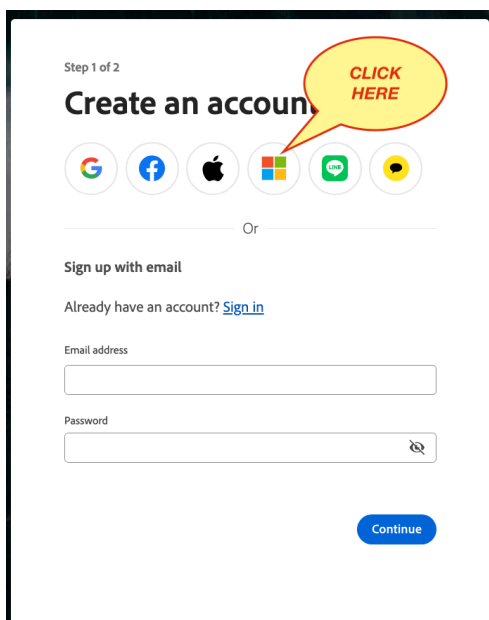
- Navigate and Login to the [UIC Webstore](#):
- Go to the Adobe Creative Suite page:
<https://webstore.illinois.edu/shop/product.aspx?zpid=7119>
- Click on the “[form](#)” button, embedded in this line: “*If you are experiencing financial hardship and have an academic need for Adobe software, you can fill out a [form](#) to request a discounted license*”.
- Fill out and submit the short Adobe hardship request form in order to get the Creative Cloud Software suite
- Your Subscription should be activated within 10 minutes to two hours. (**yey!**)

Note: Setting up an adobe creative cloud subscription is a separate process from setting up an Adobe account. You create an account in the next step.

2. Create an Adobe Student Account - OR - Login to Current Account (if you have one)

→ **New Users:** [Click this link](#) (continuing users: see section below)

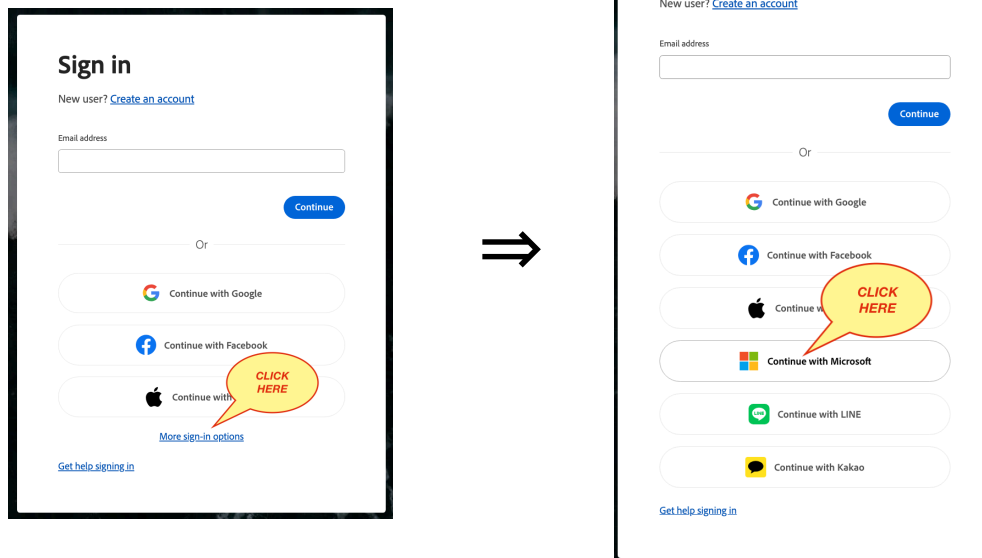
- Select the Microsoft icon to login correctly.
- You will be redirected to the University Authentication Gateway.
- Enter your **FULL university email address (with “uic.edu”) and password** & log in.
- If you do not enter your entire email address with the domain name, you will get redirected to a Microsoft gateway login instead of getting logged into Adobe.)
- Follow the prompts (if it gives you any). Yes to connecting your Adobe and UIC Microsoft accounts if this pops up.



- Choose the **Company or School Account** option (**NOT** the **Personal Account**) at sign in.
- Fill in the applicable Terms & Conditions checkboxes, and click Next.
- You'll receive a confirmation message (new Adobe Account) and an email containing a link. (**yey!**)
- **NOTE:** If you haven't received the email within a few hours, check your spam folder. If necessary, add studentcommunity@autodesk.com to your email program's safe senders list. In the email, click the link to activate your account. An activation message appears.

IN GENERAL: Make sure you are always logging in under the **Company or School Account** option (*NOT* the Personal Account). Adobe will allow you to sign in under Personal Account with your UIC credentials - so this makes things *super confusing*. You will know that you are in the wrong place though because your software will no longer be free. If this happens, then simply log out & log back in again. This time, be sure to choose **Company or School Account**.

→ **Continuing Users:** [Use this link](#)



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3. Download the Creative Cloud software to your computer

- [Log back in](#) ("sign in" (button in upper right hand corner): be sure to use the MICROSOFT BUTTON, as is pictured above, on this page.
- Download and install the [creative cloud app](#). This is an app that helps you manage and install Adobe Applications such as Photoshop, Premiere, and Substance Designer.

Always Use Creative Cloud desktop to manage + maintain Adobe apps

- **NOTE:** Though Adobe does allow you to download apps directly from it's site, these processes tend to go faaaaaar more smoothly through the CC app. More importantly, sometimes there are apps you need (such as Substance Designer) that simply don't show up on the Adobe site - but they do show up in the CC app interface.
- The Creative Cloud Desktop will run in the background on your computer. You can find it along with your other installed Adobe apps in your Apps menu. This app manages your access to Adobe

apps, negotiates your login with Adobe and authorizes your use of the apps. You can also use a browser to login to your Adobe account and do the same things.

However, if there is something going wrong with an Adobe app that is installed on your computer, **ALWAYS USE THE CREATIVE CLOUD DESKTOP APP** to refresh your Adobe login, update your apps and close and reopen your programs. This app is designed to manage the Adobe apps that are installed on your computer, which a browser or an old shortcut to the app, is not designed to do.

Troubleshooting / Help

See: [Troubleshooting issues with installations and licensing](#)

Webstore: [Adobe Enterprise Login and Product Installation Instructions](#)

Adobe Account: <https://account.adobe.com/profile>

Credentials Verification: <https://www.identity-e.com/adobe/completed> (try resubmitting)

Redeem your software: <https://redeem.adobe.com/>

Log on to School vs. Personal Adobe Accounts: [which one to use?](#)

4. Download Substance Designer

- Head over to [Education - Substance 3D](#) web site
- Scroll down to where you see: **STEP #2: SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST**
- Fill in your Adobe ID (which is your uic email address) and country. Hit submit.
- Check your inbox for an email from donotreply@adobepartneroffer.com. You should get this email within the next few minutes. (Check spam folder if not seeing it.)
- [Follow the link](#) in the email and go through the process of verifying your eligibility. All this means is that you verify your uic email address. (There are no ID uploads).
- The email will read, "Thank you for requesting a free Substance 3D for Students and Teachers plan for 12-months. Before you start creating, we need to verify your eligibility here: <https://www.identity-e.com/adobe>. You will need to use this product code insert < [uniquely crazy 36 character password]> to begin.
- An email will arrive (1-2 hours): "Congratulations Your eligibility verification request has been approved." (yey!)
- Your [uniquely crazy 36 character password] will work as the redemption code for the software. Follow the download instructions in the email.
- In the future updates or maintenance of the Substance apps can be carried out via the Creative Cloud app.
- **You win!** Get up and take a stretch :)

So...but... if you are feeling like you just want to get it all done right now, then maybe also go for Maya real quick? Creating a student account with AUTODESK is a breeze in comparison.

Downloading Maya 2026

→ If you *already* have an autodesk account, follow [these instructions](#).

→ If you don't have an account, see below or follow [students obtaining products for themselves](#)

1. [Confirm your eligibility](#) using your UIC email by going to the [Education Products Page](#) and selecting Maya.
2. Then select Student and fill in your email / submit
3. Next step involves validating your role as a student with a qualified educational institution
Note: You may need to submit additional documentation before your eligibility is approved. Make sure that your profile information is correct and that it matches the information held by your school because you can't change it later.
4. Click the Complete Account Setup link in the email received after completing your education profile.
5. Download and install Maya from the [Autodesk Account All Products and Services page](#).
6. **Woot!**

Troubleshooting / Help:

For more guidance on download methods and locations:

- [Where to download products and updates](#)
- autodesk.com/education/home
- [Download methods](#)

