

LAPTOPS

Students enrolled in the graphic design courses listed in the left column will be required to purchase a laptop for use in the design program. If a student chooses not to buy a laptop, they may use computers in the School of Art General Computer Lab.

Recommended Equipment – Fall 2017

The design industry uses Apple computers. For this reason, the graphic design program recommends students purchase MacBook Pros. The laptops listed below should provide students with enough RAM and processing power for 3–4 years.

Apple has reduced pricing for students; see www.apple.com/us-hed/shop for information.

Courses with a

Laptop Requirement

ART 3330
Intermediate Graphic Design

ART 3331
Graphic Design Software

ART 3334
Introduction to Typography

ART 3335, 3336, 3337
Junior Graphic Design I & II

ART 4330, 4331, 4332
Senior Graphic Design I

ART 4333, 4334, 4335
Senior Graphic Design II

Hardware / prices subject to change

15-inch MacBook Pro with Touch Bar
2.8GHz quad-core Intel Core i7 processor
Turbo Boost up to 3.8GHz
16GB memory
256GB SSD storage
Intel HD Graphics 630 + Radeon Pro 555
with 2GB memory
\$2,249.00

15-inch MacBook Pro with Touch Bar
2.9GHz quad-core Intel Core i7 processor
Turbo Boost up to 3.9GHz
16GB memory
512GB SSD storage
Intel HD Graphics 630 + Radeon Pro 560
with 4GB memory
\$2,599.00

Hardware Notes:

1. For extra graphic processing power (video and Photoshop filters) add a graphics card with 4GB memory to the 2.8GHz model.
2. Apple sells a less expensive 2.2GHz quad-core Intel i7 processor model. Its single Intel Iris Pro Graphics card will not perform as well with video or Photoshop filters as the two models that have both Intel HD and Radeon Pro cards.

Software / prices subject to change

Adobe Creative Cloud subscription
Student/Teacher "All Apps" version
\$29.99 per month
(\$19.99/month for first year)
www.adobe.com/students

Financial Aid

For those students who have already utilized their full financial aid budget, a computer purchase estimate may help to increase your budget so that you can make room for private loans or private scholarships that you have already applied for. You are able to do this just once in your undergraduate or graduate career, please speak with the Financial Aid office to see if this option will benefit you.

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