

## **WMU Frostic School of Art Graphic Design Required Computer Purchase**

Upon admission into the Graphic Design Program, WMU students are required to purchase a Macintosh laptop computer and software necessary to complete the sequence of courses. The software will include programs for page layout, photo manipulation, drawing, and web design. The computer and software will be used in courses throughout the remainder of the program. Prices given are for reference only, and are subject to change.

### **REQUIRED**

As of January 2017 the minimum approved purchase is:

- 13" MacBook Air with a 1.6GHz dual-core Intel Core i5 processor, 256GB storage, and at least 8GB Memory (RAM) (\$1,149 with an educational discount)
- Adobe Creative Cloud Student and Teacher Edition One-Year Subscription (\$239.88)

### **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**

- [3-Year AppleCare](#) (\$183 for a 13" MacBook Air). Because laptops are subject to significant wear and tear it is also *strongly* recommended that students purchase the upgraded three-year Apple computer warranty called AppleCare. The upgraded warranty also includes three full years of free telephone technical support.
- An external hard drive or a cloud service (such as DropBox) is *essential* for students to back up their work.

### **NOTES**

- If purchasing a MacBook Air, you will need an [Apple MagSafe to MagSafe 2 Converter](#), (\$9.99) for connecting to the chargers provided in the graphic design classroom.
- If purchasing a new MacBook Pro, you will need a [Thunderbolt 3 \(USB-C\) to Thunderbolt 2 Adapter](#), (\$29.99) for connecting to the Thunderbolt 2-equipped large screen displays in the graphic design classroom.
- Purchasing a MacBook is discouraged because it cannot be connected to the large screen displays in the graphic design classroom.

**Note:** Adobe Creative Cloud is currently installed on all Graphic Design lab computers, and there will be software upgrades for all lab computers in July of every academic year. All Graphic Design students are required to upgrade their design software on their laptops in order to stay consistent with versions of software installed on the lab computers and meet assignment requirements.

To purchase hardware, please go to Apple's Mac in Education page. <http://www.apple.com/us-hed/shop>, or contact the WMU Bookstore at (269) 387-3930