

WMU Frostic School of Art
Graphic Design Recommended Computer Purchase

Upon admission into the Graphic Design Program, WMU students are **recommended** 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.

As of February 2020 the minimum recommended purchase is:

- 13" MacBook Air with a 1.6GHz dual-core 8th-generation Intel Core i5 processor, 256GB SSD storage, and 8GB Memory (RAM) (\$1,199 with an educational discount)
- Adobe Creative Cloud Student and Teacher Edition One-Year Subscription (\$239.88)
- [3-Year AppleCare](#) (\$229 for a 13" MacBook Air). Because laptops are subject to significant wear and tear it is also 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.

Note: 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