

VCD Required Computer Purchase - Fall Class of 2014

Overview

Prior to the beginning of the first semester of the Freshman year, all Visual Communication Design and Photo Illustration majors are required to purchase a Macintosh laptop computer and specific graphic software as described below. The computer and software will be used in subsequent VCD courses throughout the remainder of the degree program.

Minimum Hardware

Apple MacBook Pro (\$2,599.00)

- 15-inch: 2.3GHz with Retina display
- Specifications: 2.3GHz quad-core Intel Core i7
- Turbo Boost up to 3.5GHz, 16GB 1600MHz memory
- 512GB PCIe-based flash storage 1, Intel Iris Pro Graphics
- NVIDIA GeForce GT 750M with 2GB GDDR5 memory
- Built-in battery (8 hours)



1 TB External Hard drive (USB or Thunderbolt)

2-3 USB Jump Drives (at least 8 GB each)

Software Specifications

Software for the Fall 2014 Class will be purchased in stages according to the following schedule:

Semester Typical Year Software Title Cost**

Semester	Year	Software Title	Cost
1st	Fall Freshman	Adobe Creative Cloud	\$29.99/ Month
2nd	Spring Freshman	Adobe Font Folio Education Essentials	\$149.00

The software may be purchased from the Adobe website:

<http://www.adobe.com/products/creativecloud/students.html>

Questions regarding the VCD required Computer Purchase Program should be directed to Josh Talbott via email at jtalbott@kent.edu

°Note that the new Solid State Drives that come on the Retinal Display computers DO qualify

*Note that Apple will release newer versions of MacBook Pro products over time. Students need only obtain a computer that meets or exceeds the specifications listed at the time the student enters the program.

**Kent State University has no control over Adobe software costs. All Adobe Prices are subject to change and do not include sales tax. The School of VCD attempts to make software and hardware as affordable as possible