

## The University of Mississippi Art Department Graphic Design/Computer Graphics Computer Recommendations

### **COMPUTER:**

Graphic Design students are not required to purchase computers for the classroom until they enter ART 361, Graphic Design I (usually second semester sophomore year or first semester junior year). This takes into account they will have had the foundations courses, including ART 101, ART 111, and ART 360 with an approval from the professor to continue. Therefore, the computer purchase is not a requirement for freshmen.

The computer that is recommended for Graphic Design is the laptop model produced by Apple Computers. The Apple Macintosh is recommended because it is the industry standard. This does not mean that students may not use a different PC. The instructors will use Macs to teach courses and will be able to better assist those students with Mac computers. The Macintosh laptops fall into two basic categories. The first and most comprehensive is the **MacBook Pro**. The second is the **MacBook** (replaced the iBook). The main difference in the two machines is speed and memory – both models are adequate. The recommendation is that the student purchase a current model on the market configured with the following:

· Processor Speed:	2.0 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo
· RAM:	1GB of RAM (or more) can be added at checkout
· Display:	13” works best; however, this is at the student’s discretion
· Hard Drive:	80GB
· CD-ROM Drive:	SuperDrive
· Wireless Networking:	Remote access card (AirPort)
· Additional Storage:	USB Flash Drive or iPod
· Operating System:	MacOSX
· Software:	See following page
· Other:	Proper adapters to connect to large monitors and personal Ethernet cable (can be added at checkout)

### **WHERE TO PURCHASE COMPUTER:**

Students can purchase their Macs directly from Apple with an educational discount. Some Apple stores may honor the student rate, while others may not. To get the discount, go to the Ole Miss homepage and type “Apple Store” in the search category. This will link to the online store. From here, choose the link (on the left) for Individual Custom Store. This will show all the Apple products at student prices.

## **SOFTWARE:**

Software should also be purchased for your machine. Professors will let students know ahead of time what they are going to need for each course they take. The software that should be purchased for ART 361 is as follows:

- Adobe Illustrator (CS2 or higher)\*
  - Adobe Photoshop (CS2 or higher)\*
  - Adobe InDesign (CS2 or higher) \*
  - Microsoft Office (2004 or higher)\*
- (Web Design Software is not required until ART 364)

## **WHERE TO PURCHASE SOFTWARE:**

\*Individuals may purchase this software as a “bundle” for a discount. Also, students do get a significant discount from certain suppliers. **DO NOT** purchase any software for retail price (i.e. from Apple). Students can save money through companies like Campus Technologies, [www.campustech.com](http://www.campustech.com).

Optional items:

- Virus protection (especially for PC’s)
- Printer (inkjet or laser)
- Digital camera
- External storage device (iPod, MP3 player)

## **HELP!:**

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Financial Aid is available to purchase computers and computer equipment **through the Financial Aid Department**. Discounts for students are also available from several companies, so be sure to ask if there is an educational rate when making purchases.