WMU Frostic School of Art
Graphic Design Recommended Computer Purchase

Upon admission into the Graphic Design Program at 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, illustration, and motion 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 March 2024, the minimum recommended purchase is:

• 13.6” MacBook Air (Apple M2 chip with 8-core CPU, 8-core GPU, 8GB Unified Memory, and 256GB SSD Storage, $899 with an educational discount), or a PC laptop with similar specs.

• Adobe Creative Cloud Student and Teacher Edition One-Year Subscription ($239.88)

• Students are strongly encouraged to have a reliable external hard drive to back up their work.

Note: To purchase hardware, please go to Apple’s Mac in Education page [https://www.apple.com/us-edu/store](https://www.apple.com/us-edu/store), or contact the WMU Bookstore at (269) 387-3930