

2024-2025 TECHNOLOGY RECOMMENDATIONS

LAPTOP COMPUTER

The Department of Art and Design highly recommends all Graphic Design majors have a laptop computer and digital camera by their sophomore year.

If you are bringing a computer you already own:

If you have a computer that meets the following specifications, then you are encouraged to use it.

- no more than 3 years old
- MAC or PC
- Apple M1 or Intel i5 processor
- 8 GB memory
- 256 GB storage
- Operating System: (mac OS13, Windows 10)

If you are buying a new computer:

If you do not have a computer that meets the specifications listed above, then you should purchase the following computer:

- Laptop
- Apple MacBook Pro 14-inch (M3 Pro chip)
- Apple M3 Pro processor
- 18 GB memory (minimum)
- 512 GB storage
- Operating System: (mac OS14)

EXTERNAL HARDDRIVE

Students are responsible for their digital files and for keeping a duplicate of all work on an external hard drive or cloud-based storage.

- 2TB Portable Hard Drive (as much capacity as is affordable is recommended)
- OR**
- 50GB in Online Storage (for example: Dropbox, iCloud, NOT Google Drive)

DIGITAL CAMERA

Students use their cameras in many of their courses and should purchase a camera that will grow with your skills.

- 12 mega-pixel digital SLR camera with manual (not automatic) shutter speed and aperture control
- 32 GB (minimum) Flash memory compatible with camera model

COMPUTER MOUSE

- External mouse, wireless

ART & DESIGN PROVIDED SOFTWARE

- Adobe Creative Cloud student subscription is provided by the University, while you are enrolled in Art and Design courses.