

WMU Frostic School of Art Photography & Intermedia Required Computer Purchase

Prior to enrollment (after acceptance) into the Photography & Intermedia Program, WMU students are required to purchase a Macintosh laptop computer and software necessary to complete the sequence of courses. The software will include programs for photo management, manipulation, editing, and workflow. It will also include the standard office package (the university will provide Virus protection). The computer, with the additionally purchased software, will be used in courses throughout the remainder of the degree program.

HARDWARE

As of April 2011 the minimum recommended computer is a MacBook Pro with a 2.4Ghz processor and 4Gb RAM. The reference prices given are for products currently available through the University Computer Store. (Prices are for reference only and are subject to change.)

Minimum Hardware: \$1,699.00

MacBook Pro (15" Display/2.0GHz quad-core Intel Core i7/4GB RAM/500GB Hard Drive)

It is also **STRONGLY** recommended that students purchase the upgraded three-year Apple Computer warranty. Portable computers are subjected to more wear and tear than their more static desktop cousins. The upgraded warranty also includes three full years of free telephone technical support, which comes in very handy at 3am when students can't get that paper due at 8am to print! The cost of AppleCare for a MacBook Pro is \$239.

To purchase hardware you can go to Apple's Education website ("Personal Purchases").
<http://store.apple.com/Catalog/US/Images/routingpage.html> Or contact WMU's Total Tech (In the Bookstore); 269-387-5460, <http://www.wmich.edu/totaltech>

SOFTWARE

It is recommended that students should come with the current release of software. The most current release is what is used in teaching. We want to minimize differences in what the student has installed.

Required Software

Adobe Photoshop Extended \$260

Apple Aperture \$179

Microsoft Office \$90

Strongly Encouraged Software

Adobe Dreamweaver \$173

Adobe Flash \$217

(All listed Adobe programs are found within the Adobe Creative Suite Web Premium - \$450)

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Additional questions can be directed to the College of Fine Arts IT Director; Kevin Wesel