

Art Department Laptop Requirement

iPads do not fulfill the requirement.

Minimum Requirements

Description	Cost
Macbook Pro 13", 2.5ghz Intel i5 Dual-Core, 4GB RAM, 320GB hard drive	\$1,099.00
Adobe Creative Suite 6 Design Standard	\$350.00
Recommended Extras:	
AppleCare Protection Plan (3 years warranty and telephone support, not including accidental damage)	\$183.00
Microsoft Office 365 – four year subscription	\$80.00
Backup Hard Drive (1TB or greater)	\$130.00
Carrying Case or Laptop Sleeve	prices vary
Subtotal:	\$1,842
Tax (7.50%)	\$139
Total	\$1,981

Recommended Configuration*

Description	Cost
Macbook Pro 15", 2.3ghz Intel Core i7 Quad-Core, 4GB RAM, 500GB hard drive	\$1,699.00
Adobe Creative Suite 6 Design Standard	\$350.00
Recommended Extras:	
15-inch Hi-Res Antiglare Widescreen Display (Build-to-Order option requiring custom order)	\$90.00
AppleCare Protection Plan (3 years warranty and telephone support, not including accidental damage)	\$239.00
Microsoft Office 365 – four year subscription	\$80.00
Apple Final Cut X (available from the Mac App Store)	\$299.99
-or-	
Adobe Creative Suite 6 Production Premium (replaces Design Standard)	\$450.00
-or-	
Adobe Creative Cloud (replaces Design Standard, yearly contract required for use)	\$30/month
Backup Hard Drive (1TB or greater)	\$130.00
Carrying Case or Laptop Sleeve	prices vary
Subtotal:	\$2,558
Tax (7.50%)	\$192
Total	\$2,750

*If you are pursuing a BFA in Art: there will also be additional software requirements that may be recommended to complete specific Focus Areas for the degree. Please refer to the website for Focus Area courses.

Currently (2013), all Macintosh based laptops meet or exceed the minimum requirements for use by Art students. Generally, when considering the purchase of a laptop for Art class work the student should attempt to match the capabilities of the computer with the likely requirements for the desired courses. Some courses require more computing power than others. For example, video and animation courses require computers with large hard drives, fast processors and a larger amount of memory (RAM).

Apple based laptops can be purchased at the FSU Bookstore or through any outside vendor. FSU students DO receive a "student discount" at the FSU Bookstore. Additionally the Bookstore offers equipment/software bundles at discount pricing. For more information visit the FSU Bookstore on campus. You can also shop through Apple's website online at: <http://store.apple.com/us-hed/findyourschool>

Additional optional needs include:

- Digital Camera (moderate resolution ≥ 7MP)
- USB audio headset
- Basic printer
- Full-sized mouse or Wacom tablet (trackpads make drawing difficult)
- For 3D Animation courses: AutoDesk's Maya (free for students)
- One of the following for or video and special effects courses:
 - Apple Final Cut X and Apple Motion
 - Adobe Creative Suite 6 Production Premium
 - Adobe Creative Cloud