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UNT College of Visual Arts and Design Communication Design Recommended Computer Purchase Specifications for Communication Design majors

HARDWARE

The following Apple Macintosh computer* configuration is recommended for purchase** or lease for communication design majors enrolled in UNT College of Visual Arts and Design:

13-INCH MACBOOK PRO (If you *can* afford a 15-inch MacBook Pro, then you should purchase that size.)

<i>Processor:</i>	2.53GHz Intel Core 2 Duo
<i>Memory:</i>	4GB of 1066MHz DDR3 SDRAM (2 x 2GB; supports up to 8GB)
<i>Hard Drive:</i>	250GB Serial ATA; 5400 rpm
<i>Slot-loading:</i>	8x SuperDrive (DVD±R DL/DVD±RW/CD-RW)
<i>Graphics:</i>	NVIDIA GeForce 9400M graphics processor with 256MB of DDR3 SDRAM shared with main memory
<i>Display:</i>	13.3-inch LED-backlit glossy widescreen display, 1280 by 800 resolution
<i>Expansion:</i>	One FireWire 800 port (up to 800 Mbps), two USB 2.0 ports (up to 480 Mbps), SD card slot
<i>Video:</i>	Built-in iSight camera; Mini DisplayPort output port with support for DVI, VGA, and dual-link DVI (requires adapters, sold separately)
<i>Audio:</i>	Built-in stereo speakers; Built-in omnidirectional microphone; Combined optical digital output/headphone out (user-selectable analog audio line in)
<i>Networking:</i>	Built-in 10/100/1000BASE-T (Gigabit) Ethernet
<i>Wireless:</i>	Built-in AirPort Extreme Wi-Fi wireless networking2 (based on IEEE 802.11n draft specification); IEEE 802.11a/b/g compatible; Built-in Bluetooth 2.1 + EDR (Enhanced Data Rate); Built-in 10/100/1000BASE-T Gigabit Ethernet (RJ-45 connector)
<i>Hardware accessories:</i>	60W MagSafe Power Adapter, AC wall plug, power cord, lithium-polymer battery
<i>Operating System:</i>	Mac OS X v10.5 Leopard (includes iTunes, Time Machine, Quick Look, Spaces, Spotlight, Dashboard, Mail, iChat, Safari, Address Book, QuickTime, iCal, DVD Player, Photo Booth, Front Row, Xcode Developer Tools); iLife '09 (includes iPhoto, iMovie, iDVD, iWeb, GarageBand)
<i>Extended Warranty:</i>	AppleCare Protection Plan
<i>Approximate Price:</i>	\$1,600.00 US (not including taxes and shipping)

*The Apple is the computer most often used in the profession, but it possible to use a similarly configured PC.

**Student discounts are available directly through www.apple.com and/or the UNT Bookstore.



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SOFTWARE

The following software* should be configured to run on any computer regularly used by communication design majors enrolled in UNT CVAD:

Adobe Creative Suite 4 Design Premium - Student Edition; this includes: \$399

- Adobe InDesign CS4
- Adobe Illustrator CS4
- Adobe Photoshop CS4 Extended
- Adobe Flash CS4 Professional
- Adobe Dreamweaver CS4
- Adobe Fireworks CS4
- Adobe Acrobat 9 Pro

The Adobe Font Folio Education Essentials Collection: \$149

Office 2008 for MAC (Home and Student Edition): \$150

If you purchase the MAC with Office 2008 installed, you save \$20–\$30

Extensis Suitcase Fusion 2: \$100

**Student discounts are available directly through www.adobe.com, www.microsoft.com/mac, www.extensis.com, and or the UNT Bookstore.*