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

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*:

2.4GHz MacBook (MB404LL/A)

<i>Color:</i>	Black
<i>Processor:</i>	2.4GHz Intel Core 2 Duo
<i>L2 cache:</i>	3MB shared
<i>System bus:</i>	800MHz
<i>Memory:</i>	2GB (two 1GB) of 667MHz DDR2 SDRAM (PC2-5300); supports up to 4GB
<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>	Intel GMA X3100 graphics processor supported by at least 1GB of 667 MHz of DDR2 SDRAM shared with main memory
<i>Video:</i>	Built-in iSight camera; mini-DVI output port with support for DVI, VGA, S-video, and composite video
<i>Display:</i>	13.3-inch (diagonal) glossy TFT widescreen display, 1280 by 800 resolution
<i>FireWire:</i>	One FireWire 400 port (up to 400 Mbps)
<i>USB:</i>	Two USB 2.0 ports (up to 480 Mbps)
<i>Audio:</i>	Built-in stereo speakers, built-in omnidirectional microphone, combined optical digital audio input/audio line in, combined optical digital audio output/audio line out
<i>Networking:</i>	Built-in 10/100/1000BASE-T (Gigabit) Ethernet
<i>Wireless:</i>	Built-in AirPort Extreme Wi-Fi (based on IEEE 802.11n draft specification) 2; built-in Bluetooth 2.0 + EDR (Enhanced Data Rate) module
<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
<i>Approximate Price:</i>	\$1,500.00 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.*

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

Students preparing for the Entry Portfolio Review may consider the following software; Students accepted in the Entry Portfolio Review should purchase the following software:

The Adobe Creative Suite 3 Design Premium Package of Software (this includes Adobe Illustrator CS 3, Adobe Photoshop CS 3, Adobe InDesign CS 3)

The Adobe Font Folio Education Essentials Collection

Microsoft Word 2008 for Mac

Microsoft Power Point 2008 for Mac

Microsoft Excel 2008 for Mac

Microsoft Entourage 2008 for Mac

Extensis Suitcase Fusion (v. 12.1.7)

Students selected to continue in the Mid-Point Portfolio Review should purchase the following software:

Adobe Dreamweaver CS 3, Adobe Flash CS 3, and Adobe Acrobat 9 Pro)