Communication Design Computer Requirements

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Following are the UNT College of Visual Arts and Design Communication Design required computer purchase specifications for Communication Design majors. Macintosh is the platform of choice in the graphic design and advertising industries.

**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.)

- **Processor:** 2.9GHz dual-core, Intel Core i7
- **Memory:** 4GB 1600MHz DDR3 SDRAM — 2x2GB (purchase 8GB 1600MHz DDR3 SDRAM — 2x4GB if you can)
- **Hard Drive:** 750GB Serial ATA Drive @ 5400 rpm
- **Extended Warranty:** AppleCare Protection Plan
- **Approximate Price:** $1,748.00 US (not including taxes and shipping)

*The Apple Macintosh is the computer most often used in the profession. It possible, though not recommended, 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
Stated prices are based on the included URL links. Lower prices may be available. The following software* should be configured to run on any computer regularly used by communication design majors enrolled in UNT College of Visual Arts and Design

Adobe Creative Suite 6 Design & Web Premium, Student Edition: $449
http://www.adobe.com/products/creativesuite/design-web-premium.edu.html
Adobe Photoshop CS6 Extended
Adobe Illustrator CS6
Adobe InDesign CS6
Adobe Dreamweaver CS6
Adobe Flash Professional CS6
Adobe Fireworks CS6
Adobe Acrobat X Pro
Adobe Bridge CS6
Adobe Media Encoder CS6

Microsoft Office 2011 for Mac (University): $99.99
http://www.journeyed.com/item/Microsoft/Office+for+Macintosh/1534113

Suitcase Fusion 4: $49.95
http://www.journeyed.com/item/Extensis/Suitcase+Fusion/1535748