VA&T PROPOSED COMPUTER SUGGESTIONS

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Visual Arts & Technology majors and minors are required to have a laptop for their coursework, enabling them to easily collaborate, work in a variety of environments around and off campus, and to facilitate the completion of homework assignments.

Most artists and designers will encounter Apple computers in the workplace and are considered industry standard. In addition, our labs are equipped with Apple computers. While all students will be able to complete the required coursework with a PC, it is highly suggested that Visual Arts & Technology students purchase an Apple laptop. Please note that Apple offers educational discounts. PC Laptops should have similar or better specifications.

The following specifications are intended as a suggestion when purchasing a laptop:

Apple MacBook Pro*
  • 15-inch screen
  • 2.3GHz processor (2.6 or 2.7GHz will be faster)
  • 8GB RAM
  • At least 500GB hard drive (1TB or larger will be better)

  * A MacBook Pro with Retina Display is not required, though it has additional video outputs that may be useful for video and animation students; the MacBook Air’s screen is too small for graphics work and is not recommended.

Suggested additions:
  • AppleCare Protection Plan (covers faulty parts and some repairs for 3 years)
  • External hard-drive for backup (LaCie, Western Digital, or Seagate recommended)

Software provided by Stevens:
  • Adobe Creative Suite, Master Collection
  • Final Cut X (for Apple computers only)

Questions or concerns? Please contact Visual Arts & Technology Program Director Jeff Thompson (jeff.thompson@stevens.edu).