Graphic Design – 2018 recommended equipment

Welcome to graphic design at RIT!

No one is required to have a laptop or personal computer when they come to campus. There are numerous labs with extended hours for computer use with all the appropriate software. But we know, based on questions for students and their families, that some choose to make a purchase so students have more mobility to work in their rooms, the library, lounges, cafes, and other spaces. If you are looking to make a purchase, the following will give you an idea about the most appropriate hardware, based on processors, memory and other needs.

Please refer the campus resources in your welcome letter for the Digital Den at Barnes & Noble @ RIT (educational discounts), and our contact information. We are happy to help as needed!

LAPTOPS
Currently is the high-end MacBook Pro available through Apple. This is the most powerful laptop at this time. It has high processing power which will be helpful as a student progresses through the program. There is an education discount for students

Touch Bar and Touch ID
2.7GHz Processor
512GB Storage

- 2.7GHz quad-core Intel Core i7 processor
- Turbo Boost up to 3.6GHz
- 16GB 2133MHz memory
- 512GB PCIe-based SSD
- Radeon Pro 455 with 2GB memory
- Four Thunderbolt 3 ports
- Touch Bar and Touch ID

$2,599.00
Mid-range laptop, very powerful machine but has less processing speed and can run slower as your student

Touch Bar and Touch ID
2.6GHz Processor
256GB Storage

- 2.6GHz quad-core Intel Core i7 processor
- Turbo Boost up to 3.5GHz
- 16GB 2133MHz memory
- 256GB PCIe-based SSD¹
- Radeon Pro 450 with 2GB memory
- Four Thunderbolt 3 ports
- Touch Bar and Touch ID

$2,249.00

Lower range laptop, this is a solid laptop but even less processing power than the machines above.

2.2GHz Processor
256GB Storage

- 2.2GHz quad-core Intel Core i7 processor
- Turbo Boost up to 3.4GHz
- 16GB 1600MHz memory
- 256GB PCIe-based SSD¹
- Intel Iris Pro Graphics
- Two Thunderbolt 2 ports

$1,899.00

Adobe Creative Suite: Creative Cloud for students
A membership that gives you access to all of Adobe’s photography, design, video, and web apps on all your desktop and mobile devices. If you’re a student it is $19.99/month. This also includes the flexibility of having your software updated as things change without having to pay upgrading fees.

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