UCM GRAPHIC DESIGN, ILLUSTATION, AND PHOTOGRAPHY TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

UPDATED FOR: FALL 2019 - SPRING 2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

LAPTOP REQUIREMENT

All entering Freshmen will be required to have a personal laptop computer that meets the minimum requirements described below for classes in Graphic Design, Illustration, and Photgraphy beginning with ART 1315 Foundation I.

The Peripherals and Software section lists remaining requirements for Graphic Design, Illustration, and Photography..

Laptop purchase options:

Purchase through the University bookstore, Apple or any computer retailer. Student discounts vary.

UCM Student Financial Services COA:

Standard UCM student financial aid allows purchases at the UCM Bookstore up to $500. This amount will not cover the standard required laptop purchase. To assist with the required laptop purchase, the Office of Student Financial Services provides a Cost of Attendance Appeal process. This process may assist parents/guardians/students with additional federal student loans. To apply for the additional loans, please complete the following process as soon as possible:

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- Complete the COA Appeal form

- Attach the course syllabus for ART 13315

- Return to the Office of Student Financial Services - 1100 Ward Edwards Building

PERIPHERALS AND SOFTWARE

Some of these items may be available for purchase at the UCM Bookstore. For assistance with purchase and/or installation of software, please contact the CAHSS Computer Specialist - Jeff Greene.

- **1TB External Drive -** An external hard drive with a minimum of 1 terabyte of available storage. ($49.99 -estimated cost) Example Seagate product

- **16GB USB -** A 16gb or greater USB portable data storage device (flash drive, thumb drive, memory stick) required to utilize program area printers.
  Example: Sandisk product

- **Digital Drawing Tablet -** Graphics tablet to use for digital art, photo-editing and animation. ($79.99 estimated cost) Example iPad Pro or Wacom product.

- **Adobe Creative Cloud**
  ‣ *Creative Cloud Complete (Student currentmonthly subscription - $19.99)*
  Mouse
  ‣ *with Right-Click & Scroll Wheel*

LAPTOP CONFIGURATIONS

A laptop that performs to minimum program standards is essential for optimal student performance and learning experiences. An underpowered laptop could cause delays, long wait-times, and software failures. Whenever possible maximize the memory and graphics card specifications.

Recommended Systems

A Macintosh laptop with 16GB memory minimum. The Apple Higher Education Discount online store has multiple configurations available. All models with the suggested 16GB memory upgrade, should be sufficient to run the software in required applications.

A PC with minimum 16GB memory and a graphics card and processor powerful enough to run all of the Adobe Creative Cloud software including large image processing, video editing and 3d graphics rendering. Similar to the Dell Precision 5000 line of computers.

Note: The industry standard computer is the Macintosh computer and it is our recommended platform. Students may choose to use a PC and it will pose no serious limitations, although the student may experience some minor compatibility issues between the school labs and their laptop and requires a more thorough understanding of their computer.

CARE & MAINTENANCE

A carefully selected computer at the minimum specifications should serve the student well through degree completion if it is carefully maintained and cared for. Please consider the following as expected practices and potential expenses:

- Regular System Software Updates

- Careful File Management & External Back-Ups

- Hardware Service Agreement or Extended Warranty Program (AppleCare)

- Accidental Damage Insurance or Renter's Insurance

UCM TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

The UCM TCS (Technology Support Center) offers basic help with student connection and access to the wireless network on campus. Ultimately hardware and software are the student's responsibility to maintain.

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