

DMACC Graphic Design Computer Hardware & Software Recommendations

Hardware

As part of the Graphic Design Program of Study we recommend the purchase of an Apple Macintosh computer. This will ensure compatibility with the Graphic Design Program teaching labs and regional industry standards.

We do not offer support for completed projects or the transfer of projects and homework done on Windows-based systems.

ALL CURRENTLY shipping Macintosh models are very fast and meet our specifications as long as you have a minimum of 2GB of RAM (more RAM is better). All other options are personal preference.

DMACC students can purchase Apple Computers at the greatest discount from the Iowa State Bookstore. Smaller discounts are also available at the Apple Store at the Jordan Creek Mall, and online at www.store.apple.com.



MacBook Pro laptops and the iMac are popular with students.



Software

As part of the Graphic Design Program of Study, we recommend the purchase of the Adobe Creative Suite CS4 and Suitcase Fusion 2. This will ensure compatibility with the Graphic Design Program teaching labs and regional industry standards.

SIGNIFICANT educational discounts are available at the DMACC Bookstore, Iowa State Bookstore, or educational mail order web sites such as journeyed.com. Microsoft products are available to DMACC students for just \$10 per program at the DMACC bookstore.



Adobe CS4 & Suitcase Fusion 2

Software	Description
Adobe Creative Suite 4: Design Premium Student Edition (CS4)	Includes Acrobat, Dreamweaver, Fireworks, Flash, Illustrator, InDesign, and Photoshop.
Extensis Suitcase Fusion 2	Software to manage your fonts.
Virus Software	<u>Not needed</u> with Mac OS X.

For More Information

DMACC Financial Aid: (515) 964-6282 OR 1-800-362-2127 (option 3)

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