

## VCD Required Computer Purchase Fall Class of 2009

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### Overview

Prior to enrollment into VCD 20000 Basic Computer (typically taken by VCD majors in the Spring semester of the Freshman year and by Photo Illustration majors in the Sophomore year) all VCD Students are required to purchase a Macintosh laptop computer and specific software. The software required for the Fall 2009 Class will be Adobe Creative Suite 4 Premium and Adobe Font Folio Education Essentials. The computer and software will be used in subsequent courses in VCD throughout the remainder of the degree program.

### Minimum Hardware Specifications\*

\*Note that Apple will release newer versions of the MacBook products over time. Students need only obtain a computer that meets or exceeds the specifications listed below.

The prices listed below are for Macintosh products purchased through the University AppleStore (<http://applestore.kent.edu>).

### Minimum Hardware

MacBook Pro (13" Display/2.53GHz Intel/4GB RAM/250GB Hard Drive  
/DVD-R/CD-RW Superdrive/Enet/Mac OS X/Airport Card) \$1,399.00\*\*

It is also **strongly** recommended that students purchase the upgraded three year Apple Computer warranty. Portable computers are subjected to much more wear and tear than their more static desktop cousins. The upgraded warranty also includes three full years of free 24/7 telephone technical support.

The cost of AppleCare for the 13" MacBook Pro is \$183.00\*\*.

Note that the system listed above is the Minimum Hardware and students have the option of buying up. Many students opt for the MacBook Pro for better formance and a larger monitor.

### Minimum Software Requirements

The software required for the Fall 2009 Class will be Adobe Creative Suite 4 Premium (CS4 Premium) and Adobe Font Folio Education Essentials. CS4 Premium may be purchased through Kent State University's AppleStore in a bundle from Adobe with additional cost savings.

The *Adobe Creative Suite v4 Design Premium* which includes five programs (Photoshop, Indesign, Illustrator, Dreamweaver, Acrobat Professional and Flash) sells for \$349.00.\*\*

Questions regarding the VCD required Computer Purchase Program should be directed to the VCD Computer Systems Coordinator: Tom Mahon <[tmahon@kent.edu](mailto:tmahon@kent.edu)>.

**\*\*Price and availability subject to change.**

**Do not wait until the last minute to purchase your items. The AppleStore does not keep many copies in stock, and items may need to be ordered.**