



The Art Institute of York PennsylvaniaSM

Computer Recommendations for:

Fashion & Retail Management, Bachelor of Science Degree

Graphic Design, Bachelor of Science Degree

Graphic Design, Associate of Science Degree

Interior Design, Bachelor of Science Degree

Kitchen & Bath Design, Associate of Science Degree

Media Arts & Animation, Bachelor of Science Degree

Web Design & Interactive Media, Bachelor of Science Degree

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Introduction

Before purchasing a computer, check The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania’s Technology Web site (<http://tech.aiy.aii.edu>) to verify that you have the most current recommendations. Due to the constantly changing state of the computer industry, The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania reserves the right to update and/or change these recommendations at any time.

As the computer hardware and software industries continue to evolve, be aware that future versions of software may have minimum specifications that exceed these recommendations.

Computer Specifications

Computers should have the following minimum specifications:

- 2GHz dual-core processor
- 2GB RAM
- 250GB hard disk drive
- DVD burner
- 1280x1024 resolution monitor

A computer which exceeds the above minimum specifications would be desirable, but must be balanced with each individual’s financial ability to afford such a system.

In general, a desktop computer which meets or exceeds the above specifications will be less expensive than comparable laptop computer.

Students who wish to purchase a laptop computer and use it at the school may do so. Permission to use a laptop during class time is at the discretion of the instructor.

Internet Access

Internet access from a student’s laptop will be available through the school’s wireless network. To gain access to the wireless network, the student’s laptop must pass the Cisco Clean Access ‘posture assessment’ which checks for:

- Supported operating system (Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7 or Mac OS X)
- All critical operating system updates
- Supported antivirus software installed and running
- Current antivirus definitions

Troubleshooting

The IT Department will assist in troubleshooting a laptop computer which is experiencing difficulties. The IT Department will attempt to diagnose the problem, and provide recommended steps the student should pursue to resolve the problem.

Software

Software is available at educational discounts to students; special pricing is available to Art Institutes students from Journey Education Marketing at the Web site:

<http://www.aistudentstore.com>

Recommendations by Program

Fashion & Retail Management

Either an Apple Macintosh or Windows PC computer will be acceptable.

Graphic Design

The Apple Macintosh will likely be predominant computer used in the curriculum.

Interior Design

A Windows PC computer will be the predominant computer used in the curriculum.

Kitchen & Bath Design

A Windows PC computer will be the predominant computer used in the curriculum.

Media Arts & Animation

A Windows PC computer will be the predominant computer used in the curriculum.

Web Design & Interactive Media

Either an Apple Macintosh or Windows PC computer will be acceptable.