



The Art Institute of York PennsylvaniaSM

Laptop Guidelines and Specifications for

Digital Arts

for students starting

July 2009

(Summer Term)

The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania Laptop Guidelines for Digital Arts

Timeline

All Digital Arts applicants who will be new incoming students are **required to have a laptop and software by the first day of class.**

Before purchasing a computer or software, check The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania’s Technology Web site (<http://tech.aiy.aii.edu/requirements.asp>), or with the Information Technology Department to verify that you have the most current recommendations and specifications. 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 specifications at any time.

Prices of items or products listed in this document are accurate at the date of publication, (located at the bottom of each page). Prices are set by manufacturers, and are subject to change at any time without prior notification.

Technology Answer Sessions

We have scheduled a series of ‘Technology Answer Sessions’ for students and parents. These ‘Technology Answer Sessions’ are intended to provide information and answer questions regarding the laptop program and technology requirements for The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania.

The schedule of Technology Answer Session dates and times for the Summer 2009 start is:

- Friday, June 5 @ Jump Start
- Wednesday, June 10 @ 7:00pm
- Tuesday, June 16 @ 7:00pm
- Thursday, June 18 @ 7:00pm

All sessions for the upcoming year can be found at: <http://tech.aiy.aii.edu/requirements.asp>.

Hardware

Laptop computers for the Digital Arts program must meet or exceed the following specifications:

- Apple Macintosh MacBook Pro running Mac OS X v10.5 (or higher).
- A minimum of 2 Gigabytes of RAM.
- At least a 200 Gigabyte hard drive.
- Contain an Airport Extreme (802.11g wireless network) card.
- An external mouse. (Available from a variety of sources, including a limited selection from the The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania Bookstore.)
- A suitable protective carrying case.

The configurations listed below are available at The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania’s custom store on Apple’s Web site.

MacBook Pro (15.4" Screen/SuperDrive) — \$1957.00

- 2.66GHz Intel Core 2 Duo processor
- 4GB RAM (2 – 1066MHz DDR3 SO-DIMMs)
- 320GB Serial ATA hard drive
- 8x double layer SuperDrive (DVD±RW/CD-RW)
- AirPort Extreme (802.11n) Wireless Card & Bluetooth
- NVIDIA GeForce 9600M GT 256MB RAM
- 15.4-inch wide active matrix display with 1440x960 resolution
- 10/100/1000 (Gigabit) Ethernet port
- Apple Mini DisplayPort
- Two USB 2.0 ports
- 800Mbs FireWire port
- SD (Secure Digital) card slot
- Built-in iSight camera
- AC adapter
- Battery
- Mac OS X 10.5 (Leopard)
- Second 85 Watt AC power adapter
- Mini DisplayPort to VGA adapter

Hardware Support

The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania will provide support for the Apple Macintosh laptops within the following guidelines:

- The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania will provide hardware warranty support on the Apple laptop computers.
- Peripherals connected to the laptops will not be supported, beyond the determination that the computer itself is not the problem. For example, if you have a non-functional external device (scanner, Zip drive, printer, etc.), we will help to determine whether the device is the problem, or if it's a non-functional port in the computer.
- The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania will provide a power connection and network connection for the laptop in wired labs; a wireless connection to the network in other labs. If a student is using more than one power outlet in a wired lab for peripheral devices, they will be required to disconnect the peripheral devices in order to allow other students to connect to power.
- The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania will not specifically (by brand or type) recommend peripherals such as scanners, printers, CD burners, and so forth. We may be able to provide guidance on general topics, but specific recommendations will not be provided.
- Non-warranty work will be performed on machines at the discretion of The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania, and subject to the approval of Apple Computer. This will be billable to the student's account, and payment must be received before grades can be released.

Software

A 'Software Authorization Card' will be distributed at Orientation, which will allow you to complete your software purchase. The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania is acting as an agent for the student in facilitating the purchase of software from Journey Education Marketing.

Precise instructions on how to complete the software purchase will be distributed in the Orientation package.

The following software is required for the Graphic Design curriculum:

Creative Cast: Premium – Mac — \$499.98

This special software bundle includes the following:

- Microsoft Office: Mac 2008 Professional — Word 2008, Excel 2008, PowerPoint 2008, Entourage 2008
- Adobe Creative Suite 4.0 Design Premium — Photoshop® CS4 Extended, Illustrator® CS4, InDesign® CS4, Acrobat® Pro 9, Version Cue®, Bridge®, Stock Photos®, Dreamweaver CS4 Pro, Flash CS4 Pro
- Corel Painter
- Quark XPress 8.0 (includes Quark Interactive Designer)
- Quark Print Collection
- Symantec Norton AntiVirus 10 for Macintosh

Each student is required to purchase his or her own copy of each software package. This is required for two reasons:

- It is illegal to ‘share’ licensed software.
- Virtually all software is serial number encoded. Two (or more) copies of the same serial number, when running on a network, will prevent additional copies from running when one copy is already registered or activated.

While the student is at The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania, they will need to be connected to the network in order to access resources such as servers, printers, Internet access, and other devices.

The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania will not provide software support for students who are illegally ‘sharing’ software and encountering problems.

Software Piracy

Any student who is discovered to have The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania licensed software on their computer will be subject to the following disciplinary action:

1. A written warning will be placed in the student’s permanent file, and a copy of the warning will be given to the student.
2. The Information Technology department at The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania will immediately remove the software from the computer.
3. A second occurrence of discovery of The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania licensed software on their computer will result in dismissal, and at the discretion of The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania, legal action.

Peer to peer file sharing software that facilitates sharing of copyrighted material such as BitTorrent, Limewire, BearShare (and other software of this type) is prohibited.

Optional Purchases

Additional optional hardware that you may want to consider, but which is not required:

- Apple USB Modem
- USB Flash Drive
- External Keyboard
- Printer
- Scanner

Please note that optional purchases are **not** included in the financial aid plan.

Student Financial Services (Financial Aid) Information

If the laptop computer and software costs have been included in your financial aid proceeds, rather than a self-pay expense, a stipend will be issued to reimburse the student (or designee) for the purchase of the computer. This stipend will be issued after the student begins attending classes.

The amount allowed for the Digital Arts program is \$2130 for the laptop computer.

When the 'Software Authorization Card' is used, either as a part of financial aid proceeds, or as a self-pay expense; The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania will act on the student's behalf to facilitate the order of software.

Purchasing Information

- Computers:
Apple Computer, from The Apple Store for Education for Individuals by calling:
1.800.780.5009 for immediate purchases or inquiries about financing.
Online at <http://tech.aiy.ait.edu/requirements.asp> then click on the 'Apple Store' link.
Apple Store at Park City Mall, Lancaster, PA
- Software:
The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania, acting as an agent for Journey Education Marketing, will ensure the student receives the appropriate software for the curriculum.

Shipping

Shipments of hardware will arrive requiring a signature of a person over 18. We suggest having the computer shipped to your work location, unless there is someone over 18 at your home during the day that can sign for the shipment.

If this is not an option, you may have the items shipped to The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania. If you choose this option, equipment will **only** be available for pickup at Orientation. The shipping address should appear as:

Student Name
c/o The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania
1409 Williams Road
York, PA 17402

All software ordered using the 'Software Authorization Card' will ship to The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania, and be available for pickup in the IT Office (room 105 of the 1409 Williams Road classroom building).

A photo ID matching the name of the recipient on the package is required before any package can be released.

Registering Your Hardware and Software

Upon receipt of your computer and software, register it with the respective manufacturer! The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania has no recourse with the manufacturer if your unit is showing 'Out of Warranty' due to its manufacturing date, as opposed to its purchase date. Additionally, if you lose or misplace a software serial number, *only if it is registered*, will the manufacturer be able to help you.

Keep all your software CDs, serial numbers, and passwords together in a single location!

Insurance Coverage

Students should check their parents' homeowners policy, or their renters' insurance to determine coverage and deductibles. It is **strongly** recommended to cover the computer and software by adding a rider to an existing policy (if necessary). Most accidental or physical damage will not be covered by the standard manufacturer's warranty.

Conclusion

The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania has an online ordering system through Apple Computer. We have a customized Apple Store online with pre-configured systems which meet The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania minimum system requirements. You are not required to purchase from any of the vendors listed in this document, as long as the system meets The Art Institute of York – Pennsylvania minimum specifications.

Software Requirements for: Digital Arts

First Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microsoft Office 2004† • Adobe Creative Suite Premium† • Norton AntiVirus†
Second Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microsoft Office 2004† Adobe Creative Suite Premium† Norton AntiVirus†
Third Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microsoft Office 2004† Adobe Creative Suite Premium† Norton AntiVirus†
Fourth Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microsoft Office 2004† Adobe Creative Suite Premium† • Adobe After Effects Norton AntiVirus†
Fifth Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microsoft Office 2004† Adobe Creative Suite Premium† Adobe After Effects Norton AntiVirus†
Sixth Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microsoft Office 2004† Adobe Creative Suite Premium† Adobe After Effects Norton AntiVirus†

† Indicates software included in the Creative Cast bundle purchased from AiStudentStore.com.

• Indicates software which is NEW for the term. Unless you already have the software as a part of a bundle, it will need to be purchased prior to the start of the term.