

Graphic Design Concentration Requirements

Prerequisite Courses

Art 150 – Beginning Drawing, Art 158 – Two-Dimensional Design I, Art 159 – Two-Dimensional Design II

Laptop

Before taking your first course in Graphic Design you will need to purchase a *Mac Book Pro*. Minimum requirements for your laptop are 4 GB of RAM, 320 GB of Hard Disk Space. Make sure to get your educational discount through Apple at <http://store.apple.com/us-hed/findyourschool>

Software

Adobe Creative Suite Design Premium of the current version which includes Illustrator, In Design, Photoshop, Flash, Dreamweaver, Fireworks, Acrobat Pro, and Bridge. Make sure to get the Mac version of this software, and your educational discount. Educational dealer's prices vary so make sure and look at more than one - www.journeyed.com, www.provantage.com, and others using your favorite search engine.

Free Software

You do not need to buy the Microsoft Office Suite or any other text editing programs just download Open Office for free and have the same functionality - www.openoffice.org. Be sure to also download the Firefox Browser - www.mozilla.com, and Google Chrome – www.google.com/chrome.

Recommended

Display adapter mini Display Port to DVI (this will allow you to utilize the large monitors in the graphics lab, available at the Apple Store or Amazon), Wacom Intuos4 Medium Tablet (if you want to draw on the computer, educational discount available), External Hard Drive of 200GB or more to back up your work, a Magic Mouse or other Two or Three button mouse, 2 USB drives of 4 GB each, and a digital camera.

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Fill out the form at this link and save it http://store.adobe.com/store/en_us/faxform.html. Obtain an official letter from the Registrar's Office in Kent Wyatt showing proof of enrollment OR a tuition statement. Either document must have your name, the institution name, and the current date or term to be accepted. Scan the document into the computer (you may use the scanner in the lab), and email the photo along with the form to edu-verify@adobe.com.

FAQ

Why do I need to have a Mac?

Mac computers are the design standard for the industry and employers expect you know how to use one. Additionally, a PC cannot use our servers to transfer files necessary in the classroom. There are also software differences on a PC and a Mac which make in class demonstrations difficult.

Will I have to buy another Mac and or Software while at DSU?

Your laptop and software should last you through your degree here if you take good care of it.

*If you cannot afford these items please apply for a student loan extension. To apply for a loan extension you must print a screenshot of the computer you want with its price. Take it to either Joe or Nathaniel to sign off on it. Take your signed screenshot to Ann Mullins in the Financial Aid office in Kent Wyatt. This is a one-time increase that will cover the cost of a laptop and roll its cost into your existing student loan. Remember that you need the proper tools for your career, so invest in yourself by getting your laptop and software.

**If you still have financial issues please talk with Joe or Nathaniel so we can work something out. You may email jabide@deltastate.edu or nhein@deltastate.edu if you have any questions.