

## 2023–2024 TECHNOLOGY RECOMMENDATIONS

### LAPTOP COMPUTER

*The Department of Art and Design highly recommends all Graphic Design majors have a laptop computer and digital camera by their sophomore year.*

**If you are bringing a computer you already own:**

If you have a computer that meets the following specifications, then you are encouraged to use it.

- no more than 3 years old
- MAC or PC
- M1 or i5 processor
- 8 GB memory
- 256 GB storage
- Operating System: (mac OS13, Windows)

**If you are buying a new computer:**

If you do not have a computer that meets the specifications listed above, then you should purchase the following computer:

- 14-inch MacBook Pro
- M3 processor (M3 chip)
- 16 GB memory (minimum)
- 512 GB storage
- Operating System: (mac OS14)

### EXTERNAL HARDDRIVE

*Students are responsible for their digital files and for keeping a duplicate of all work on an external hard drive or cloud-based storage.*

- 2TB Portable Hard Drive (as much capacity as is affordable is recommended)
- OR**
- 50GB in Online Storage (for example: Dropbox, iCloud)

### DIGITAL CAMERA

*Students use their cameras in many of their courses and should purchase a camera that will grow with your skills.*

- 12 mega-pixel digital SLR camera with manual (not automatic) shutter speed and aperture control
- 32 GB (minimum) Flash memory compatible with camera model

### ART & DESIGN PROVIDED SOFTWARE

*Adobe Creative Cloud student subscription is provided by the University, while you are enrolled in Art and Design courses.*