

DO I NEED A COMPUTER?

WVU strongly encourages students to purchase a computer for convenience, but it is not a requirement for most majors. Check with your academic program for exceptions.

it.wvu.edu/services/students/computer-buying-guide/recommendations-by-colleges

Tablets and Chromebooks are insufficient for many academic programs.

The University has well-equipped computer labs on all campuses, including in the libraries and at the Health Sciences Center.

SOFTWARE: READ BEFORE YOU BUY!

Registered students can download FREE and discounted applications:

Download **Microsoft Office** for free on up to five computers and five mobile devices through WVU's Office 365 license at sllic.wvu.edu

Free **Kaspersky Antivirus software** for as many as three devices from freeav.wvu.edu

MATLAB and additional free and/or discounted software is available through sllic.wvu.edu

Adobe Creative Cloud is available for \$10 a year! That's a fraction of the retail price. Get your WVU-discounted download via wvu.onthehub.com

ABOUT HEALTH SCIENCE DISCIPLINES

Students NOT yet admitted to a Health Sciences program may want to use their current machines and/or WVU computer labs. Once admitted to the Medical Doctor, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Pathologist Assistant, Nursing* or Pharmacy programs, students MUST purchase a laptop (currently a MacBook Air 13) and accessories from the Health Sciences Center. Dentistry and Dental Hygiene students also MUST purchase through HSC (currently a Lenovo ThinkPad 260 Yoga Tablet).

These computers are pre-configured for uniformity so HSC can provide quick and comprehensive student support. Packages include extended warranty and insurance coverage, full technical support for hardware/software problems, loaner equipment if needed, hardware accessories and program-specific medical resource software. All laptops and accessories are encrypted to meet HSC security standards. Students receive details about costs, specifications and more when admitted. The fee will be a separate line item on the student account, in addition to tuition and fees. The cost of this program is a recognized educational requirement and is included in financial aid calculations.

*Direct Admit Nursing freshmen are not eligible to enroll in the HSC Student Laptop Computer Program until the sophomore year.

COMPUTER BUYING GUIDE



Windows or Mac?

WVU supports both. Our services and software programs are equally accessible from Windows and MacOS, so unless your major requires specific hardware and software, the choice is yours.

How to use Windows on a Mac

If you already own or plan to buy a Mac, but need software that runs on Windows, you can still use your Apple computer. Just purchase Windows (\$120 retail) and install using Apple's BootCamp utility. Once configured, you can boot to either Windows or MacOS.

Recommended Specifications

The product you buy is up to you, but we recommend you purchase at least 4GB of RAM. We also recommend 8GB to 16GB of RAM for some computational-intensive fields such as engineering, film and animation. Buy the best processor you can afford so your machine has a better chance of lasting four years.

Comparable Options for Dell and Apple



Apple

apple.com/go/college

15-inch MacBook Pro Touch Bar and Touch ID \$2,249

Intel i7 CPU boost up to 3.5GHz
16GB RAM
2GB Radeon Pro 450
256GB Solid State Drive

15-inch MacBook Pro \$1,899

Intel i7 CPU boost up to 3.4GHz
16GB RAM
Intel Iris Pro Graphics
256GB Solid State Drive

13-inch MacBook Pro \$1,499

Intel i5 CPU boost up to 3.1GHz
8GB RAM
Intel Iris Graphics 540
256GB Solid State Drive

13-inch MacBook Air \$949

Intel i5 CPU boost up to 2.7GHz
8GB RAM
Intel HD Graphics 6000
128GB Solid State Drive



Dell

dell.com/wvu

Mobile Precision Workstation 5510 \$1,917

Intel Core i7 CPU boost up to 3.6GHz
16GB RAM
Nvidia® Quadro® M1000M
256GB Solid State Drive

15-inch MacBook Pro \$1,899

Intel i7 CPU boost up to 3.4GHz
16GB RAM
Intel Iris Pro Graphics
256GB Solid State Drive

Latitude E5570 \$1,470

Intel Core i7 CPU boost up to 3.6GHz
16GB RAM
AMD Radeon™ R7 M370
256GB Solid State Drive

Latitude 3470 \$732

Intel i5 CPU boost up to 2.8GHz
8GB RAM
Intel® HD Graphics GT2
500GB 7200RPM Hard Disk Drive

Computer Repair and Assistance

ITS Service Centers are walk-up support locations that provide hardware repair, virus removal, network troubleshooting and more. This includes warranty work on Dell, Apple and other computer brands.

Evansdale Campus: Room G49 in Brooke Tower and room G18 in the Evansdale Library.
Downtown Campus: ITS Service Center (beside the ticket office)