What Computer to Buy and Hardware Recommendations

Desktop Computers: Minimum Requirements

	PC	iMac
Processor	Intel® Core i5	Intel® Core i5
Memory/Ram	8 GB	8 GB
Hard Drive	256GB Solid State Drive or larger	512GB Flash Storage or larger
Operating System	Windows 10	Mac OS X 10.13 (High Sierra) or higher
Ethernet Network Device	Most desktop computers come with a 10/100/1000 Ethernet card built in, but when purchasing make sure that your system has either a 10/100 or 10/100/1000 card.	Most desktop computers come with a 10/100/1000 Ethernet card built in, but when purchasing make sure that your system has either a 10/100 or 10/100/1000 card.
Surge Suppressor	Surge protector with 750 joules or more (not a power strip)	Surge protector with 750 joules or more (not a power strip)

Laptop Computers: Minimum Requirements

Processor	Intel® Core i5	Intel® Core i5
Memory/Ram	8 GB	8 GB
Hard Drive	256GB Solid State Drive or larger	512GB Flash Storage or larger
Operating System	Windows 10	Mac OS X 10.13 or higher
Wireless Card	802.11n compliant	802.11n compliant
Surge Suppressor	Surge protector with 750 joules or more (not a power strip)	Surge protector with 750 joules or more (not a power strip)

Wireless Network Access

Every student on campus has access to the wireless network. To fully utilize the wireless network, we recommend that you have a compliant 802.11n card (802.11n, n/b/g or a/b/g/n). Since all residence halls are equipped with wireless access provided by the University, students may not bring wireless access points or routers to campus. Any non-university-owned wireless network radio found to be broadcasting on campus will be disconnected from the network.