

Overview

Information Technology Services (ITS) provides the following guidance to help students select a laptop that meets academic and network connectivity requirements. Most new Windows or MacOS laptops meet basic wireless connectivity requirements.

The **Technology Resource Assistance Center for Students (TRACS)** supports student laptops, mobile devices, and gaming systems. Located on the lower level of Jackson Library, TRACS also offers limited short-term loaner laptops (two-week increments, based on availability).

Some academic programs have additional requirements. Students should consult their department chair for details.

Programs with specific recommendations:

- Math & Computing (CIS, Cybersecurity, Data Science) – Windows
- Art – MacOS
- Media & Design – MacOS
- Nursing – Windows

Windows Laptop Recommendations

(Recommended for Nursing, Accounting, Math, CIS, Science, Business)

Minimum:

- 14th Gen Intel i5
- 16GB RAM
- 256GB SSD
- Windows 11
- Gigabit Ethernet

Recommendation:

- **14th Gen Intel i7 or better**
- **16GB+ RAM**
- **512GB SSD**
- **Windows 11**
- **Gigabit Ethernet**

Not Recommended:

- Chromebooks, HP Stream Devices, iPads, Mac Neos, and similar -- supplemental devices that cannot support all coursework requirements.

Additional:

- Integrated or external webcam
- Extended warranty with accidental damage coverage
- Laptop Bag

Apple/MacOS Laptop Recommendations

(Recommended for Art, Media & Design)

Minimum:

- M4 Chip
- 16GB RAM
- 256GB SSD
- MacOS Sequoia
- Gigabit Ethernet

Recommendation:

- **M4 Pro or better chip**
- **16GB+ RAM**
- **512 GB SSD**
- **MacOS Tahoe**
- **Gigabit Ethernet**

Not Recommended:

- Mac Neo – supplemental device that cannot support all coursework requirements.
- iPad/iPad Pro – supplemental device that cannot support all coursework requirements.

Additional:

- Media & Design students will need a laptop capable of running the Adobe Creative Suite and Davinci Resolve.
- Integrated or external webcam
- Extended warranty with accidental damage coverage
- Laptop bag

Webcam Requirements

All students need a webcam. Most laptops include one; if your laptop does not, a USB webcam capable of 1080p at 30fps meets minimum requirements.

Microsoft Student Advantage

Enrolled students receive the full Microsoft Office Suite at no additional cost.

Follow-Me Printing

Lander provides Follow-Me printing with a generous student allowance.

Students do not need a personal printer.

If students bring one, it must connect via USB; wireless printing is not supported in residence halls.

Additional Information:

Student-access computers are available across campus for coursework and research.

Student-owned Internet of Thing (IoT) devices (Google Home, Alexa, smart bulbs, etc.) are not supported in residence halls.

Questions? Call the ITS Help Desk at (864) 388-8234.