

TECHNOLOGY GUIDE

COMPUTER SPECIFICATIONS AND MORE

it.wvu.edu/students

DO I NEED TO PURCHASE A COMPUTER?

Having a personal computer is convenient, but before you buy a new one, check with your specific college to see if your program has computer and software requirements at it.wvu.edu/students.

If you don't want to purchase a computer your first year of school, consider using one you already have, purchasing a lower-cost model or using the computer labs on campus. As you advance, you may be required to upgrade to a computer that meets your program's needs.

WINDOWS OR MAC?

Unless your major has specific system requirements, we recommend using what you're comfortable with. WVU supports both. To run Windows on a Mac, purchase Windows (\$160) and install it using Apple's Boot Camp utility. Then, you can boot to either Windows or Mac.

support.apple.com/boot-camp

SUGGESTED COMPUTER SPECIFICATIONS

for students whose programs do not have computer requirements

General Use

Streaming video, writing papers
and taking tests

8 GB RAM

Intel i5 Core Processor

SSD for increased performance

Science/Technology

Doing graphic design, editing
video and programming

16 GB RAM

Intel i7 Core Processor

500 GB SSD

Dedicated graphics (GPU)

WHERE CAN I GET FREE STUFF?

For the complete list of free and reduced software, go to slic.wvu.edu.

Campuswide Wi-Fi - WVU.Encrypted

Antivirus - freeav.wvu.edu

Google Drive Storage - Provided with your MIX (Gmail) account



WHERE CAN I FIND DISCOUNTS?

Software Licensing Information Center - slic.wvu.edu

Apple Education - apple.com/go/college

Dell University - dell.com/wvu

Best Buy College Student Deals - tinyurl.com/ycytznj9

Amazon Prime Student - tinyurl.com/hhd8hd6

Thrifty Tip: Consider buying refurbished from Apple or Dell, and purchase an extended warranty.

HOW DO I KEEP MY INFORMATION SECURE?

Along with using two-factor authentication, you should practice responsible cybersecurity habits. NEVER share your WVU Login credentials with anyone, and don't click on a link unless you know it came from a trusted source. When in doubt, forward all suspicious-looking emails to defendyourdata@mail.wvu.edu for review.

defendyourdata.wvu.edu

DO I NEED A PRINTER?

NO. MyPrinting provides direct and web-based printing. Students can go to any campuswide MyPrinting location and swipe their WVU ID to pay with Mountie Bounty (wvucard.wvu.edu). If you want a personal printer, it **must** have a wired USB connection, and wireless capabilities **must** be disabled.

myprinting.wvu.edu

HOW CAN WE HELP?

Contact the IT Service Desk

ITSHelp@mail.wvu.edu

304-293-4444

it.wvu.edu/help