

TECHNOLOGY GUIDE

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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.

WINDOWS OR MAC?

WVU supports both! Unless your major has specific computer requirements, we recommend using what you're comfortable with. You can even download Windows 11 for free and install it on your Mac using Apple's Boot Camp utility. Find instructions at support.apple.com/boot-camp.

DOES WVU SELL COMPUTERS?

Generally, no. However, the Health Sciences Center requires students to buy a standardized laptop once they are accepted into certain programs. Until then, you can use University computer labs, libraries or a personal computer.

SUGGESTED COMPUTER SPECIFICATIONS

for students whose programs do not have computer requirements

General Use

video streaming, writing papers, taking online tests

- 8 GB RAM
- Intel i5 Core Processor
- SSD for increased performance

Science/Technology

graphic design, video editing, computer programming

- 16 GB RAM
- Intel i7 Core Processor
- 500 GB SSD
- Dedicated graphics (GPU)

WHERE CAN I GET FREE STUFF?

- Microsoft Office - slic.wvu.edu
- Sophos Anti-Virus - 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 Back To School Student Hub
- Amazon Prime Student

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

DO I NEED A PRINTER?

No. MyPrinting (myprinting.wvu.edu) 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).

HOW DO I KEEP MY PERSONAL INFORMATION SECURE?

Never share your Login credentials with anyone, and don't approve an Okta push you didn't personally initiate. Don't click on a link unless you know it came from a trusted source, and when in doubt, forward suspicious emails to defendyourdata@mail.wvu.edu for review. defendyourdata.wvu.edu.

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