

Recommended Laptop Specs

A reference guide outlining Piedmont University's recommended laptop specifications for students, ensuring reliable performance for coursework, virtual learning, and campus software compatibility

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General Laptop Recommendations (Windows or Mac)

Minimum Specs

- **Processor:** Intel Core i5 (10th Gen or newer) or Apple Silicon (M1 or better)
- **RAM:** 8 GB
- **Storage:** 256 GB SSD
- **Operating System:** Windows 10/11 or macOS Monterey or later
- **Display:** 13" or larger with Full HD (1080p) resolution or higher
- **Ports:** At least 1 USB-A and 1 USB-C (or compatible adapter)
- **Camera:** Built-in webcam (720p or better)

Recommended Specs

These would be the minimum specs if you are a CS major!

- **Processor:** Intel Core i5/i7 (12th Gen or newer) or Apple Silicon M2+
- **RAM:** 16 GB
- **Storage:** 512 GB SSD
- **Operating System:** Windows 10/11 or macOS Monterey or later
- **Display:** 13" or larger with Full HD (1080p) resolution or higher
- **Ports:** At least 1 USB-A and 1 USB-C (or compatible adapter)
- **Camera:** Built-in webcam (720p or better)

Mac Recommendations (Art & Graphic Design Majors)

Note: While Windows laptops are widely supported across all departments, certain majors (e.g., Graphic Design, Digital Media) may benefit from macOS-exclusive software like Final Cut Pro or Logic Pro. Please consult your advisor or department for program-specific

Minimum

- **Device:** MacBook Air with Apple Silicon (M1)
- **RAM:** 8 GB
- **Storage:** 256 GB SSD

Recommended

- **Device:** MacBook Air or Pro with Apple Silicon (M2 or newer)
 - **RAM:** 16 GB
 - **Storage:** 512 GB SSD
 - **Display:** Retina Display for accurate color work
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Additional Considerations

- **Warranty & Support:** Consider purchasing a warranty or support plan (AppleCare, Dell Premium, etc.) for hardware issues or accidental damage.
- **Antivirus & Backup:** Perform regular backups using OneDrive or an external drive to secure your data.
- **Device Registration:** All student laptops must be registered to connect to campus Wi-Fi.