

Laptop Recommendations



PIEDMONT UNIVERSITY LAPTOP RECOMMENDATIONS

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Use this guide to choose a laptop that fits your major, supports your coursework, and keeps you connected on campus.



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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 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

(For CS Majors – Minimum Recommended)



Processor: Intel Core i5/i7 (12th Gen or newer) or Apple Silicon M2+



RAM: 16 GB



Storage: 512 GB SSD



Operating System: Windows 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)

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



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 guidance.



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.



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