

College of Charleston

Recommended Minimum Computer Features

WINDOWS-BASED COMPUTERS:

- 2.0 GHz processor speed
- 2GB RAM
- Intel Integrated Graphic Media Accelerator X3100
- 120 GB hard drive (5400rpm)
- Windows Vista Home OS (Windows XP Professional remains an available option on CofC's recommended Dell PCs)
- 90 Watt AC Adapter
- 24X CD-RW/DVD-R
- Dell Wireless 1490 802.11a/g or other manufacturer's equivalent
- 6-cell primary battery
- Mobile broadband – None
- 3-yr Next Business Day (NBD) warranty with CompleteCare
- MS Office 2007 Home and Student
- Standard protected carrying case
- CompuTrace (Lojack) service (3-yr)
- Cable lock

Buying a Dell by phone? Call 1-888-973-3355. You must mention CofC's Member ID number: US9901310 to assure entry into Dell's Educational Sales unit and receive appropriate discounts. You will also receive any promotional incentives available at the time of purchase.

APPLE COMPUTERS

The College of Charleston fully supports student use of Apple computers. However, Apple only offers CofC students their standard educational discount; whether buying online (www.apple.com/edu/cofc), or at an Apple Store when presenting their CofC ID card--or other acceptable proof of student status--at the time of purchase.

For several years we have developed recommended student computer packages which contain minimum features, software, and accessories, etc. that, along with a printer of choice, will meet the needs of the majority of our students for academic work. The intent is to make student computer systems as affordable as possible without sacrificing performance. However, Apple advertising materials provided to us as handouts are based on Apple's sales criteria. The MacBook and MacBook Pro are the models we recommend, but, as advertised, they greatly exceed our basic recommendations and pricing intent. Also, several items considered essential in our student packages were classified as "popular options" or "recommended add-ons" and may be overlooked. Therefore, we have compiled the following list of features to guide you when purchasing an Apple computer. We emphasize these are recommendations only and that students are free to choose whatever model they prefer and configure it to meet their perceived needs.

Recommended Models: MacBook with 13.3" screen or MacBook Pro with 15.4" screen

Recommended Features

- Operating System 10.4 or greater
- 2.0 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo-processors
- 2 GB of random access memory (RAM)
- 120 Gigabyte hard drive
- CD-Read & Write/DVD-Read Drive
- Airport Wireless Card
- AppleCare Protection Plan (3 Years Extended Support)
- Microsoft Office for Mac
- Laptop locking cable
- ComputracePlus (Lojack) tracking service (3-year)
- Padded carrying case

Suggested Options

A portable high-capacity external hard drive is strongly suggested for backing up student files and storing files not needed on the primary hard drive, but is not included in our recommended packages.

Please send inquiries to computerinfo@cofc.edu.