# Student Technology Buying Guide

**Computer Recommendations:**

- Waynesburg University strongly recommends all incoming students purchase a PC or Mac using the guidelines in the table on the following page.
- The estimated price range for a computer is between $1500 - $2000.
- The choice between PC and Mac is a personal preference. In most cases either platform will work well for students.
- Some departments or degree programs may have specific computer/software requirements. Students may contact their departments or program(s) for more information.

**You may find it useful to have the following items available:**

- External hard drive to back up your files and/or Cloud storage
- Internal or external CD/DVD drive
- USB flash drive
- External Ethernet adapter (for devices with only onboard Wi-Fi connectivity options)
- Copies of your operating system restore disks to use in the event of a system crash

**Printing:**

- Students may print from any computer lab.
- Wireless personal printers are not supported on campus. If you bring a personal printer to campus make sure you have the ability to connect it via USB.

**Campus Network Connectivity:**

- Secure wireless internet connectivity is available in all residence halls and academic buildings
- Devices connecting to the WU wireless network must support WPA2-Enterprise Security
- Wired connectivity is also provided in residence halls
- Students are not permitted to connect or use personal wireless routers in the residence halls

**Additional Information:**

- Current students are eligible for Office 365 Education for free including Word, Excel, PowerPoint and more. For installation instructions, see the App laucher in your student email account.
- The WU ITS Help Desk is available to assist students with campus technology issues. Please see contact information below.
- Students can access additional information on the ITS tab on myConnect

WU ITS CONTACT INFO:

Help Desk Phone:
**(724) 852-3413**
Help Desk Email:
**helpdesk@waynesburg.edu**
Walkup Location:
**1st Floor Wiley Armory**
**61 N Washington St**



*Please note that ITS often makes changes and updates to our systems over the summer. Please watch your email for important information.*

# WAYNESBURG UNIVERSITY

| Component | Laptop | Desktop |
|---|---|---|
| **Processor (CPU)** | Intel i5 / AMD A6 processor or better | Intel i5 / AMD A8 or better |
| **Monitor and video card** | LCD 1280x800 resolution or higher<br><br>* If doing a large amount of 3D rendering or other graphic processing intensive tasks a dedicated GPU is recommended. | 19" or greater monitor dual-monitor capable video card<br><br>* If doing a large amount of 3D rendering or other graphic processing intensive tasks a dedicated GPU is recommended |
| **Hard Drive** | • 500 gigabytes or larger for standard hard drives<br>• 250 gigabytes or larger for solid state hard drives | |
| **Memory (RAM)** | • 8 gigabytes or more for typical use<br>• 16 gigabytes or more for Adobe Creative Suite and other graphic and video intensive applications | |
| **Networking** | • An internet connection speed of 4Mbps minimum with a recommendation of 10Mbps or greater<br>• Onboard Ethernet card: optional for hardwired connection where/as applicable<br>• Wireless 802.11n with WPA2-Enterprise security support | |
| **Multimedia** | • Speakers<br>• Microphone<br>• Webcam | |
| **Operating System** | • Microsoft Windows 10<br>• Mac OSX 10.11 or later | |
| **Web Browser** | • Ensure that all web browsers are updated to the latest version. Different web applications may require different web browsers<br>    ○ Internet Explorer<br>    ○ Google Chrome<br>    ○ Mozilla Firefox<br>    ○ Apple Safari | |
| **Additional Software** | • Microsoft® Office 2016 or later (PC) Microsoft® Office 2016 or later for Mac<br>• An up-to-date installation of Adobe® Reader<br>• An up-to-date installation of Java® may be required for some courses<br>• A system enabled to allow installation of browser plug-ins as required<br>• Local administrative privileges to operating system may be required<br>• A current antivirus application (Windows Defender on Windows 10 is acceptable) | |