

COMPUTER RECOMMENDATIONS AND COLLEGE COMPUTING RESOURCES :

Students are required to have some type of laptop computer or iPad that can be brought to class during their enrollment at the College of Pharmacy. The operating system (**Windows , Mac, or iOS**) must be supported by the manufacturer and not be beyond end of life. The use of **Chromebooks** is strongly discouraged and not recommended. The computer must have a web browser, wireless networking capabilities, and a web cam. In addition, it must be able to read Adobe PDFs and be compatible with Respondus Lockdown Browser for taking exams (see <https://web.respondus.com/he/lockdownbrowser/resources/>). Students must be capable of producing and using Word documents, Excel spreadsheets, and PowerPoint presentations.

University and College of Pharmacy computer accounts

- **University computer account**
 - You set up your UA Catmail email account (netid@email.arizona.edu) during the Admissions process.
 - This is an important e-mail address since the University and College will communicate with you using your University e- mail address.
- **College of Pharmacy computer account**
 - During Orientation you will receive your College of Pharmacy computer account information. This will grant access to College only resources such as the College's intranet, file servers where you can securely store your files and easily share files with others you are working with, printing, drug information databases, etc. This will be explained further during the orientation week.

Minimum Laptop Specifications

- Laptops should be no more than 3 years old for best vendor support
- Warranty 3 or 4 years parts and labor (strongly recommended)
- Insurance comprehensive breakage, theft, hazard. For more information, contact Safeware (www.safeware.com)

| | PC/Windows System | Mac System |
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| Operating System | Microsoft Windows 11 | macOS 13 or above |
| Processor | Intel Core i5 or i7 | Intel i5/i7 or Apple Silicon |
| Memory | 8 Gb (16 GB preferred) | 8 Gb (16 GB preferred) |
| Hard Drive | 256 Gb SSD | 256 Gb SSD |
| Network (wireless) | Integrated 802.11 a/b/g/n | Integrated 802.11 a/b/g/n |
| Network (wired) (optional) | Ethernet, or USB to Ethernet | Thunderbolt or USB to Ethernet |
| Display Adapter | VGA, HDMI, or Mini Display port to VGA or HDMI | HDMI or Thunderbolt to VGA or HDMI |

If you are interested in purchasing a computer, the UA bookstore has special academic pricing on Windows and Mac computers at their site or on campus. This is also available directly from more computer vendors:

- UA Bookstore: <http://shop.arizona.edu/technology>
- Dell: <http://www.dell.com/uazmed>
- Apple: <https://www.apple.com/us-hed/shop>
- The IT department has experience and documentation to support both platforms.
- The College faculty and staff use Microsoft Office products (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) as their office productivity software. It is your responsibility to be able to use files they give you and provide them with files in a format they can use. Microsoft Office is available to you as part of your UA Office 365 account.
- If you have Internet access from your home, The College supports internet access to College resources via that connection with a VPN. UAWiFi is available everywhere on campus for your wireless devices.
- The College of Pharmacy has a staff of Information Technology professionals to assist you with your computer needs while at the College of Pharmacy. Again, more information will be provided during orientation, but if you have any specific questions not addressed here you can contact the COP IT helpdesk at helpdesk@pharmacy.arizona.edu.