

Frequently Asked Questions

Does Pitt-Johnstown provide or sell computers to students?

No. We do not provide or sell computers to students. We do—however—provide recommendations on the purchase of computers and software.

Do I “have to” bring my own computer?

Computers are not required at Pitt-Johnstown. Adequate open labs are available for student use.

What software do I need to buy?

Virtually none. All students receive Microsoft Office Professional, operating system upgrades, LoJack theft protection and Symantec Anti-Virus software **free of charge**.

Should I buy a laptop or desktop?

A laptop provides more flexibility in your room and around campus with the option of taking work home on weekends. A desktop PC will probably last longer and provide better operating stability.

Should I buy a Windows-based or Apple PC?

The choice is yours. All student labs and instructors are equipped with Windows-based PC's, but we do provide all the necessary software for Apple computers and support them on our network.

What are the recommended PC configurations?

We recommend brand name computers (ex: Dell) as they generally ensure better industry-standard compatibility. Avoid bargain basement models/configurations if you plan on keeping this computer for 4 years.

What are the recommended system specs?

Intel Core i5 or AMD equivalent processor; 8 GB RAM (memory); 500 GB Hard Drive; Ethernet network card; 802.11 b/g/n wireless card (for laptops); 13"-15" display screen (laptops); 20-24" monitor (desktops). More info can be found here: <http://technology.pitt.edu/help-desk/how-to-documents/buying-new-computer>

What about other computer discounts?

Pitt-Johnstown participates in programs with Apple and Dell that offer students discounted prices on all personally configured computers. Information and ordering information is available online at:
<http://www.pitt.edu/computer-discounts>

Are there other computer deals or discounts?

Your Sunday newspaper often contains a Dell flyer that offers some of the best pricing available for PC's. Prices are generally better than most discount programs and often include incentives like free shipping and memory upgrades.



PJIT Directory

PJIT Support Desk

814.269.PJIT (7548)
www.upj.pitt.edu/PJIThelp
Text PJIT to 814.886.1600

Information Systems

G27 Owen Library
814.269.7020

Printing Services

G12 Owen Library
814.269.7096

Technical Services

G7 Owen Library
814.269.7020

Technology Support Center

228 Blackington Hall
814.269.7194

User Services

G27 Owen Library
814.269.7105

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Student Computer Purchase Recommendations



www.upj.pitt.edu/IT

Pre-configured PC Pricing

The following computers are recommended, buyer-configurable systems. These machines are models that meet the required specifications for the residential network. Primary differences will be processor speed, memory, hard drive size, graphics card and warranty.
(pricing shown accurate as of 6/15/2017)

Dell Inspiron 13 5000 Series 2-in-1

\$900.61 + shipping & taxes



- 7th Generation Intel® Core™ i5-7200U Processor (3M Cache, up to 3.10 GHz)
- Windows 10 Home 64-bit English
- 8GB, 2400MHz, DDR4, up to 16GB (additional memory sold separately)
- 1TB 5400 rpm Hard Drive
- Intel® HD Graphics 620
- 13.3-inch FHD (1920x1080) IPS Truelife LED-Backlit Touch Display with Wide Viewing Angles-IR Camera
- Integrated Widescreen HD (720p) Webcam with Digital Microphone
- 802.11ac + Bluetooth 4.2, Dual Band 2.4&5 GHz,
- 3 Years Premium Support Onsite Service
- **Order Code dncwsa5010hstud2**

Dell Inspiron 15 5000 AMD Touch

\$968.99 + shipping & taxes



- 7th Generation AMD A12-9700P Quad-Core Processor with Radeon R7 Graphics
- Windows 10 Home 64-bit English
- 12GB, DDR4, 2400MHz, up to 16GB (additional memory sold separately)
- 1TB 5400 rpm Hard Drive
- Integrated graphics with AMD APU
- 15.6 inch LED Backlit On-cell Touch Display with Truelife and FHD resolution
- Tray load DVD Drive (Reads and Writes to DVD/CD)
- 802.11bgn + Bluetooth 4.0, 2.4 GHz
- 4 Years Premium Support Onsite Service
- **Order Code dncgamd2849sstud2**

Dell XPS 15

\$1,988.99 + free standard shipping & taxes

- 7th Generation Intel® Core™ i7-7700HQ Quad Core Processor (6M cache, up to 3.8 GHz)
- Windows 10 Home 64-bit English
- 16GB DDR4-2400MHz; up to 32GB (additional memory sold separately)
- 512GB PCIe Solid State Drive
- NVIDIA® GeForce® GTX 1050 with 4GB GDDR5
- 15.6" FHD (1920 x 1080) InfinityEdge, Non-touch
- Killer 1535 802.11ac 2x2 WiFi and Bluetooth 4.1
- 3 Year Premium Support
- **Order Code fncwxb1608sstud2**



The above PCs and more can be viewed in more detail and ordered by connecting to the Dell website via: <http://www.pitt.edu/computer-discounts>
There are additional discounts available when ordering for some Dell models.

13" MacBook Pro

\$1449.00 + taxes (free shipping)

- macOS Sierra
- 2.3GHz Processor
- 256GB Storage
- 2.3GHz dual-core Intel Core i5 processor; Turbo Boost up to 3.6GHz
- 8GB 2133MHz LPDDR3 memory
- 256GB SSD storage
- Intel Iris Plus Graphics 640
- Two Thunderbolt 3 ports
- Full-size backlit keyboard
- Force Touch trackpad
- 802.11ac Wi-Fi wireless networking; IEEE 802.11a/b/g/n compatible
- Bluetooth 4.2 wireless technology
- 720p FaceTime HD camera
- AppleCare+ for Mac add \$249.00
- Thunderbolt to Gigabit Ethernet Adapter add \$29.00



15" MacBook Pro

\$2559.00 + taxes (free shipping)



- macOS Sierra
- 2.9GHz Processor
- 512GB Storage
- 2.9GHz quad-core Intel Core i7 processor; Turbo Boost up to 3.9GHz
- 16GB 2133MHz LPDDR3 memory
- 512GB SSD storage
- Radeon Pro 560 with 4GB memory
- Four Thunderbolt 3 ports
- Full-size backlit keyboard
- Touch Bar and Touch ID
- 802.11ac Wi-Fi wireless networking; IEEE 802.11a/b/g/n compatible
- Bluetooth 4.2 wireless technology
- 720p FaceTime HD camera
- AppleCare+ for Mac add \$349.00
- Thunderbolt to Gigabit Ethernet Adapter add \$29.00

These Apple computers and more can be viewed in more detail and ordered at the Apple website https://www.apple.com/us_edu_348716/shop

Note: These computers are configured with minimal application and system software because all students are eligible for **free software** through our Student Software Program. This software is available to students the Software Download Service found at the Pitt Portal <https://My.Pitt.edu>

Additional Dell and Apple computers and devices can be configured and ordered through Pitt's student discount website at: <http://www.pitt.edu/computer-discounts> or by calling:

Dell: 1.800.695.8133
Apple: 1.800.692.7753

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