

CWRU recommended computer specifications

Windows/PC Systems					Apple Macintosh Systems				
	Standard Laptop Recommendation	Power User Laptop Recommendation	Standard Desktop Recommendation	Power User Desktop Recommendation		13" MacBook Pro Standard Laptop Recommendation	15" MacBook Pro Power User Laptop Recommendation	21.5" iMac Desktop Recommendation	27" iMac Power User Desktop Recommendation
Processor (see note)	Core i3, i5, i7	Core i3, i5, i7	Core 2, i3, i5, i7	Core i3, i5, i7	Processor (see note)	Core i5, i7	Core i5, i7	Core i5, i7	Core i3, i5
RAM memory	4GB	4GB	4GB	4GB	RAM memory	4GB	4GB	4GB	4GB
Hard Drive Memory	320GB or higher	500GB or higher	320GB or higher	500GB or higher	Hard Drive Memory	320GB or higher	500GB or higher	500GB or higher	1TB or higher
Video Memory	256MB	512MB	256MB	512MB	Video Memory	384MB	384MB	256MB	512MB
Monitor	14.1" Display	15" Display	20" Flat Panel	22" Flat Panel	Monitor	13" Display	15" Display	21.5" iMac	27" iMac
Removable Media	DVD+/-RW	DVD+/-RW	DVD+/-RW	DVD+/-RW	Removable Media	DVD +/-R W, DL	DVD +/-R W, DL	DVD +/-R W, DL	DVD +/-R W, DL
Sound Card	Built-In	Built-In	SoundBlaster compatible	SoundBlaster compatible	Sound Card	Built-In	Built-In	Built-In	Built-In
Warranty	3 or 4 Year	3 or 4 Year	3 or 4 Year	3 or 4 Year	Warranty	3 Year	3 Year	3 Year	3 Year
Wireless (see note)	802.11 B/G/N	802.11 B/G/N	No	No	Wireless (see note)	802.11 B/G/N	802.11 B/G/N	802.11 B/G/N	802.11 B/G/N
Operating System	Windows 7 Vista	Windows 7 Vista	Windows 7 Vista	Windows 7 Vista	Operating System	Mac OS X (Current version)	Mac OS X (Current version)	Mac OS X (Current version)	Mac OS X (Current version)

Notes:

- Dell is the preferred vendor for Windows computers at CWRU. Recommended Dell systems are significantly discounted and come loaded with many premium software programs including Microsoft Office Professional, Symantec Antivirus, etc., at no additional cost. Institutional purchases of Dell computers can be made through the eProcurement module of the Financials enterprise system. Personal purchases can be made through the eStore once you have been hired by CWRU and have activated your Network ID. Access the eStore at case.edu/its/estore
- Apple computers are available at a discount for both personal and institutional purchases. Institutional purchases can be made through the eProcurement module of the Financials enterprise system. Operating system upgrades, iWork and Microsoft Office for the Mac can be downloaded onto university machines through the Software Center at no charge. Personal purchases of Apple computers can be made once you have been hired by CWRU and have activated your Network ID at case.edu/its/estore
- The university currently supports 802.11 a/b/g/n wireless protocols.
- Microsoft Office Professional, Symantec Antivirus and Adobe Acrobat Professional are available to university-paid faculty and staff for use on university computers through the Software Center at no charge.
- To take full advantage of CWRU's Gigabit Ethernet network, your computer should have built-in Gigabit Ethernet (10/100/1000) capability.
- Since processor speeds increase frequently, these specifications will change periodically to reflect the most current "top of the line" processor available.