

recommended computer specifications 5/2009

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WINDOWS/PC SYSTEMS

APPLE MACINTOSH SYSTEMS

	Standard Laptop Recommendation	Power User Laptop Recommendation	Standard Desktop Recommendation	Power User Desktop Recommendation		13" MacBook Standard Laptop Recommendation	15" MacBook PRO Power User Laptop Recommendation	iMac Standard Recommendation	iMac Power User Desktop Recommendation
Processor (see note)	Core 2 Duo	Core 2 Duo	Core 2 Duo	Core 2 Duo	Processor (see note)	Core 2 Duo	Core 2 Duo	Core 2 Duo	Core 2 Duo
RAM memory	4GB	4GB	4GB	4GB	RAM memory	4GB	4GB	4GB	4GB
Hard Drive Memory	250GB	250GB	250GB	320GB	Hard Drive Memory	160GB	320GB	320GB	640GB
Video Memory	256MB	512MB	256MB	256MB	Video Memory	256GB	512GB	256GB	512GB
Monitor	14.1" Display	15" Display	19" Flat Panel	22" Flat Panel	Monitor	13" Display	15" Display	20" Flat panel	24" Flat panel
Removable Media	DVD+/-RW	DVD+/-RW	DVD+/-RW	DVD+/-RW	Removable Media	SuperDrive	SuperDrive	SuperDrive	SuperDrive
Sound Card	Built-In	Built-In	SoundBlaster compatible	SoundBlaster compatible	Sound Card	Built-In	Built-In	Built-In	Built-In
Warranty	3 Year	3 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	Vista Ultimate Vista Business Vista Home Premium Windows XP Pro	Vista Ultimate Vista Business Vista Home Premium Windows XP Pro	Vista Ultimate Vista Business Vista Home Premium Windows XP Pro	Vista Ultimate Vista Business Vista Home Premium Windows XP Pro	Operating System	Mac OS X (Current version)	Mac OS X (Current version)	Mac OS X (Current version)	Mac OS X (Current version)

Notes:

1. To take full advantage of Case's Gigabit Ethernet network, your computer should have built-in Gigabit Ethernet (10/100/1000) capability.
2. Since processor speeds increase frequently, these specifications will change periodically to reflect the most current "top of the line" processor available.
3. The University currently supports ONLY 802.11 a/b/g wireless protocols and is moving towards n. The University does NOT recommend wireless as your primary method of connection if you reside on campus.
4. The University makes Microsoft Office Professional, Symantec Antivirus, and Adobe Acrobat Professional available to students through the Software Center on the Case network at no charge. However, please note that you will not be able to download the software until you have been accepted as a student and have registered for classes. If you purchase and use your computer before registering for classes, you should also obtain and install an anti-virus program to keep your system free of damaging and persistent viruses which may impact your ability to connect to our network.
5. Once accepted at Case, you are eligible to purchase specially configured computer systems from Dell at a significant discount. These recommended Dell systems (when purchased through the Case e-store) come loaded with many premium software programs including Microsoft Office Professional, Symantec Antivirus, etc. at no additional cost. Apple systems are also available through our e-store, <http://www.case.edu/its/estore>.