

Frequently Asked Questions

Does Pitt-Johnstown provide or sell computers? 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/helpdesk/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 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.

What about Google Chromebooks?

Chromebooks may work with Pitt software and services but they are not officially supported.



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

*View and order these and other
computers at:*

<http://www.pitt.edu/computer-discounts>

*PITT's Dell discounts include a \$100 Promo
eGift card on all systems over \$499 plus
free shipping*



www.upj.pitt.edu/IT

Pre-configured PC Pricing

The following computers are recommended buyer-configurable systems. These machines are models that meet specifications for the residential network. Primary differences include processor speed, memory, hard drive size, graphics card and warranty.

They are configured with minimal software because students are eligible for free software at the Software Download Service at <http://my.pitt.edu>

Entry Level PC Inspiron 15 5000 \$538.99



- 8th Generation Intel® Core™ i5 Processor
- Windows 10 Home
- 8GB Memory
- 1TB Hard Drive
- 15.6-inch FHD Display
- Intel® UHD Graphics 620 with shared graphic memory
- 802.11ac + Bluetooth 4.1, Dual Band 2.4&5 GHz, 1x1
- CD\RW Drive
- 1 Years Mail-in Support

Dell New Inspiron 15 5000 Touch AMD \$988.81

- AMD Ryzen™ 5 2500U Mobile Processor with Radeon™ Vega8 Graphics
- Windows 10 Home 64-bit English
- 16GB, DDR4, 2400MHz, up to 32GB (additional memory sold separately)
- 1TB 5400 rpm Hard Drive
- integrated graphics with AMD APU
- 15.6-inch FHD (1920 x 1080) Truelife LED-Backlit On-cell Touch Display
- Tray load DVD Drive (Reads and Writes to DVD/CD)
- 802.11ac + Bluetooth 4.1, Dual Band 2.4&5 GHz, 1x1
- 3 Years Premium Support

Dell Inspiron 13 5000 2-in-1 \$783.99



- 8th Gen Intel® Core™ i5-8250U Processor
- Windows 10 Home 64-bit English
- 8GB, DDR4, 2400MHz;
- 256GB Solid State Drive
- Intel® UHD Graphics 620
- 13.3-inch FHD (1920x1080) IPS Truelife LED-Backlit Touch Display
- Integrated Widescreen HD (720p) Webcam with Digital Microphone
- 802.11ac + Bluetooth 4.1, Dual Band 2.4&5 GHz, 2x2
- 1 Years Premium Support

Engineer\Comp Science PC Dell New XPS 15 \$2057.99

- 8th Generation Intel® Core™ i7-8750H Processor (9M Cache)
- Windows 10 Pro 64-bit English
- 16GB DDR4-2666MHz, 2x8GB
- 512GB M.2 2280 PCIe Solid State Drive
- NVIDIA® GeForce® GTX 1050Ti with 4GBGDDR5
- 15.6" 4K Ultra HD (3840 x 2160)
- InfinityEdge Anti-Reflective Touch IPS100% AdobeRGB 400- Nits display
- Killer 1535 802.11ac 2x2 WiFi and Bluetooth 4.2
- 1 Years Premium Support

Apple MacBook Pro 13" \$1,449.00



- 2.3GHz dual-core
- 7th-generation Intel Core i5 processor
- 8GB 2133MHz LPDDR3 memory
- 256GB SSD storage
- Intel Iris Plus Graphics 640
- Two Thunderbolt 3 ports
- Backlit Keyboard - US English
- Accessory Kit
- Force Touch trackpad
- Add AppleCare+ for 13-inch MacBook Pro for \$249.00

Apple MacBook Pro 15" \$2,599.00

- 2.9GHz quad-core
- 7th-generation 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
- Touch Bar and Touch ID
- Add AppleCare+ for 13-inch MacBook Pro for \$249.00

Dell: **1.800.695.8133**

Apple: **1.800.692.7753**