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 and Anti-Virus software **free of charge** at https://my.pitt.edu.

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); 1+ TB Hard Drive; Ethernet network card; 1GB Dedicated Video 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: **https://www.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 is available online at: **https://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 are not officially supported.

PJIT Directory

UPJ IT Help Desk
814.269.PJIT (7548)
http://www4.upj.pitt.edu/PJIThelp/
Text PJIT to 814.886.1600

Pitt Main IT Help Desk
412.624.4357

User Services/Technology Support Center
228 Blackington Hall
814.269.7548

Information Systems
G27 Owen Library
814.269.7020

Technical Services
G7 Owen Library
814.269.7020

Printing Services
G12 Owen Library
814.269.7096

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Student Computer Purchase Recommendations

View and order these and other computers at:
https://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 https://my.pitt.edu

Entry Level
Dell Inspiron 15 5000
$599.99

- 10th Generation Intel® Core™ i5-1035G1 Processor
- Windows 10 Home 64-bit English
- 8 GB, 1 x 8 GB, DDR4, 2666 MHz
- 256GB M.2 PCIe NVMe Solid State Drive
- 15.6-inch FHD (1920 x 1080) Anti-glare LED-Backlit Display
- Intel® HD graphics 620 with shared graphics memory
- 802.11ac + Bluetooth 4.1, Dual Band 2.4&5 GHz, 1x1
- 1 Year Mail In Service

Better

Dell Inspiron 15 5000 AMD
$649.99

- AMD Ryzen 7 3700U Mobile Processor with Radeon Vega 10 Graphics
- Windows 10 Home 64-bit English
- 8 GB, 2 x 4 GB, DDR4, 2666 MHz
- AMD Radeon™ RX Vega 10 Graphics
- 256GB M.2 PCIe NVMe Solid State Drive
- 15.6-inch FHD (1920 x 1080) Anti-glare LED Backlit Non-touch Narrow Border WVA Display
- 802.11ac + Bluetooth 4.1, Dual Band 2.4&5 GHz, 1x1
- 1 Year Mail In Service

Better
Dell Inspiron 15 5000 2-in-1
$749.99

- 10th Generation Intel® Core™ i5-10210U Processor
- Windows 10 Home 64-bit English
- 8GB, 8Gx1, DDR4, 2666MHz
- 512GB M.2 PCIe NVMe Solid State Drive
- Intel® UHD Graphics 620
- 15.6-inch FHD (1920 x 1080) IPS LED-Backlit Touch Display
- 802.11ac 2x2 WiFi and Bluetooth
- 1 Year Mail In Service

Engineer/Computer Science
Dell XPS 15
$1,779.99

- 9th Generation Intel® Core™ i7-9750H
- Windows 10 Home 64-bit English
- 16GB 2x8GB DDR4-2666MHz
- M.2 512GB 2280 PCIe Solid State Drive
- NVIDIA® GeForce® GTX 1650 4GB GDDR5
- 15.6" 4K UHD (3840 x 2160) OLED InfinityEdge Anti-Reflective Non-Touch 100% DCI-P3 400-Nits display
- IPS100% AdobeRGB display
- iller Wi-Fi 6 AX1650 (2x2) and Bluetooth 5.0
- 1 Year Hardware Service with Onsite/In-Home Service After Remote Diagnosis

Apple MacBook Pro 13"
$1,449.00

- 1.4GHz quad-core 8th-generation Intel Core i5 processor
- 8GB 2133MHz LPDDR3 memory
- 512GB SSD storage
- Intel Iris Plus Graphics 645
- Add AppleCare+ for 13-inch MacBook Pro for $269.00

Apple MacBook Pro 16"
$2,399.00

- 2.6GHz 6-core 9th-generation Intel Core i7 processor
- 16GB of 2666MHz DDR4 memory
- 512GB SSD storage
- AMD Radeon Pro 5300M with 4GB of GDDR6 memory
- Touch Bar and Touch ID
- Add AppleCare+ for $379.00

Dell: 1.800.695.8133
Apple: 1.800.692.7753