

What technology do I need for college?



Getting ready for college can be overwhelming, especially when you start thinking about what technology you are going to need. To help you succeed, we have created a checklist of common things students may need, or want to consider when you start buying things for college:

- 🌟 Laptop
- 🌟 Microsoft Office
- 🌟 Mobile Phone
- 🌟 USB Flash Drive
- 🌟 Surge Protector

What kind of computer should I get?

The brand and model of computer you get are not as important as it used to be. Most brands are pretty much the same. You don't even really need to worry whether you get a "Mac or a PC". Either will work for you and we support both. What you do need to focus on is *what's inside the computer*. We recommend laptops because they are portable. You can take them to class, the library, or anywhere else you need to go. ESU offers free Wireless Internet access to all ESU students which makes getting connected that much easier!

Hardware Recommendations:

- Processor: Intel i-Core series (i3, i5, i7)
- RAM: 4.0GB or higher
- Hard Drive: 250GB or higher
- Warranty: 3-5 Years!
- Screen Size: 11" - 15"
- Wi-Fi Ready

A Few Other Recommendations:

1. Get a Carrying Case for your laptop
2. Get a laptop with a webcam and microphone
3. Get yourself a USB Flash Drive (2.0GB or higher)
5. Get a Surge Protector

Have Questions? Contact the IT Help Desk!

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What kind of software do I need?

Two of the most common pieces of software that students will need are anti-virus software, to protect their computers from viruses and spyware, and Microsoft Office (to create Word documents, spreadsheets, and Power Point presentations).

- **Anti-Virus Software:** ESU offers FREE anti-virus to all currently enrolled ESU students. The IT Help Desk can help you install it and will also help you clean viruses off of your computer. Contact the IT Help Desk for more info.  symantec.

- **Microsoft Office:** Microsoft Office 2013 is provided to current students through SkyLab. Applications include Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, OneNote and Publisher.



- **Virtual Computer Lab:** ESU provides all students with access to SkyLab, our online virtual computer lab. The latest software is accessible 24/7 from any Internet-capable device.



What kind of mobile phone should I have?

- If you have a data plan for your mobile device, or if it is Wi-Fi enabled, you can access your ESU email, Blackboard, and other services right from your phone!
- Using our Emergency Alert System, ESU students can receive emergency alerts, school closings, and other notifications right to their phone.
- IT can offer limited support for the most popular cell phone operating systems—Apple, Android, Blackberry, and Windows Phone.



What about tablets (eReaders, iPads, etc.)?

- eReaders and tablets, such as iPads, Kindles, and Nooks, are great



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