



Computer Requirement Recommendations

Providence Christian College is committed to providing an environment of learning characterized by the term “classroom without walls.” In order to facilitate this educational philosophy, each student is required to bring a laptop/notebook computer that complies with the following minimum system requirements with them to Providence. Students will be oriented to college IT use policies during student orientation.

Laptop/Notebook **Minimum** and **Recommended** Requirements *Please recognize that these are suggested minimum requirements. Most, if not all, recently manufactured devices meet or exceed these standards. You are welcome and encouraged to upgrade as you see fit.

	WINDOWS PC	APPLE MACINTOSH
Operating System	MINIMUM Windows 8 or 8.1 RECOMMENDED Windows 10 Home or Pro	Macintosh OS 10.10.5 or higher
Productivity Tools	RECOMMENDED Microsoft Office Google Docs or Open Office as long as files can be saved in the Microsoft format and are readily accessible by your professors.	RECOMMENDED Microsoft Office Google Docs or Open Office as long as files can be saved in the Microsoft format and are readily accessible by your professors.
Processor Type	MINIMUM Core i5 Processor RECOMMENDED Core i7 Processor	MINIMUM Core i5 Processor RECOMMENDED Core i7 Processor
Memory	MINIMUM 8 GB RAM or higher	MINIMUM 8 GB RAM or higher
Hard Drive	MINIMUM 250 GB RECOMMENDED 500 GB or higher	MINIMUM 250 GB RECOMMENDED 500 GB or higher
Graphics Card	MINIMUM 512 MB Video Memory or higher	MINIMUM 512 MB Video Memory or higher
Warranty	4 year parts and labor <i>(on-site strongly recommended)</i>	3 year parts and labor AppleCare
Insurance	Comprehensive breakage, theft, liquid spill, hazard <i>(strongly recommended)</i>	
Virus and Spyware Protection Software	Active and updated anti-virus/anti-malware software is required. If you don't have it, download Avast Free Antivirus: www.avast.com/students	
Recommended Accessories	External USB 2.0 (or 3.0) hard drive/USB Storage Device: Strongly recommended for data backup in case of laptop failure. Always keep a daily backup of files.	

The Providence campus is set up as a wireless campus, so each student will be able to use his/her laptop and/or mobile devices to connect to the internet from most places on campus. Additionally, the library is equipped with computer workstations, and a print/copy machine for student use.

Desktop Computers are not recommended unless they have a wireless internet connection capability. Students will not be able to connect to the internet via wired Ethernet connection.