

SRU Hardware Guidelines for Student Computers

These guidelines are designed to help you select a computer that meets your academic needs. Both Windows and Apple systems can meet the basic requirements, and no specific brand is required.

Some majors—such as computer science and engineering—may require more powerful hardware to run specialized software. We recommend contacting your academic department to confirm any additional requirements beyond the specifications listed below.

Recommended Specifications (New Purchase)

For the best performance and longevity, we recommend the following:

- **Processor:** Intel Core 200 Series or higher, or Apple M5
 - **Memory (RAM):** 16 GB
 - **Storage:** 256 GB solid-state drive (SSD)
 - **Operating System:** Windows 11 or macOS Tahoe
 - **Wireless:** 802.11ac Wi-Fi
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Minimum System Requirements

These specifications represent the minimum needed for most coursework:

- **Processor:** Intel 8th Generation Core i5 or Apple M3
 - **Memory (RAM):** 8 GB
 - **Storage:** 160 GB
 - **Operating System:** Windows 11 or macOS Sonoma
 - **Wireless:** 802.11n Wi-Fi
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Important Notes

- **Chromebooks are not recommended** due to limited software compatibility and functionality for many academic programs.
 - Always verify if your major has additional hardware or software requirements.
 - IATS Technology Support Services can assist and advise with computer problems but cannot make repairs to personal devices.
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Printing on Campus

Students can print from personal devices using **Web Print**. Printing services are available in the following locations:

- Bailey Library
 - Watson Hall
 - Rhoads Hall
 - Building F
 - Smith Student Center
 - Harrisville Building
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Additional Options to Consider



While cloud storage (such as OneDrive) is available, you may find it helpful to have additional storage or accessories:

- USB flash drive
 - External or portable hard drive
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Help Desk and Support

Technology Support Services (IATS)

Bailey Library, 1st Floor

-  Phone: 724-738-4357
 -  Email: helpdesk@sru.edu
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