Getting Hardware

What kind of computer do I need when I attend Florida Tech?

While the university has numerous computer labs available for student use, many students choose to bring their own computers with them. When choosing a new computer, it should be purchased based on its primary use. For instance, a computer that will be running processor- and memory-intensive programs such as AutoCAD, ProE, or Labview will need to have higher-end processor and memory than one primarily for web browsing and word processing will only need to meet the minimum requirements.

**NOTE**: All relevant software for courses **WILL** be available at either the Library or in a specific lab on campus and so it is not necessary to have a laptop or desktop that can handle this software. Many if not all of these Labs have 24/7 Access.

Additionally, we recommend that students purchase a warranty that will cover the students expected stay at the university and have provisions for an expedient turn around should repairs be needed. Only **limited support** is provided to student-owned systems.

To assist you in choosing a computer, please see our [Computer Guidelines and Specifications](https://it-faq.fit.edu/it_faq/content/10/125/en/what-kind-of-computer-do-i-need-when-i-attend-florida-tech.html) page.

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