

PC Recommendations:	
	Desktop PC or Laptop PC
Processor **Intel chipsets are preferred over the AMD chipsets	Intel Core i5 or i7
Memory	8GB RAM or more
Hard Drive **SSD (Solid State Drives increase performance considerably AND have no moving parts like a standard hard drive)	256 GB SSD or more
Wireless card	802.11ac + Bluetooth 4.1
Additional Hardware	Webcam (if a webcam is not part of the laptop or desktop specifications, be sure to have a USB webcam ready to use with your PC.
Operating System **Do not use Windows 8	Windows 10
Software	Microsoft Office365 (free for students through UT)
What would I get? Personally:	Dell XPS 13 non-touch laptop with a 256GB SSD, Intel i5 1035G1 CPU, Windows Home, 8GB 3733MHz RAM, with a 3-year warranty. With the added warranty, it costs a little more. I like the 13-inch <u>edge-to-edge</u> screen vs. 15-inch. It will be lighter than a 15-inch laptop.
Also:	<p>**Many new PC laptops come with only the USB-C connector. Be sure to look at what type of connectivity comes with a macbook that you are interested in getting. I've seen models with both USB-C only and some with the older USB connectors.</p> <p>Always check before you buy if you perceive the need for the older USB connector.</p> <p>***And most laptop manufacturers are eliminating the CD/DVD Drive. Consider this if you think you will need to access CDs or DVDs.</p>

Apple Recommendations:	
	Any laptop model: MacBook, MacBook Air, or MacBook Pro
Processor	Intel Core i5 or i7
Memory	8GB RAM or more
Hard Drive **SSD (Solid State Drives increase performance considerably AND have no moving parts like a standard hard drive)	256 GB SSD or more
Wireless card	802.11ac + Bluetooth 4.2
Operating System	OSX - currently OSX version is Catalina.
Software	Microsoft Office365 (free for students through UT)
Also:	<p>Pricing on Macs can be higher than PC counterparts. Sometimes, infrequently, Best Buy will have 2-day sales on Macbooks [marking them down \$200, sometimes more]. Keep an eye on their web page for these kinds of deals. If there are discounts on Apple's website for UT students, they can be found here:</p> <p>https://www.apple.com/us_edu_5000195/shop</p>
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