

Questions and Answers

Q. Who is required to have a laptop?

A. Students enrolled in the MAT program, Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Early Childhood Education (Teacher Certification Option), and Kinesiology and Physical Education (Teacher Certification Option) are required to have a laptop. Exemptions to the laptop requirement include: Child Development/Family Relations (non-teaching option), Athletic Training and KPE Exercise Science options.

Q. Why does COEHD recommend Apple?

A. Apple software is specifically designed for educational use and innovation. While it is possible to find a less expensive computer, Apples provide a stable, flexible, and high quality platform for technology integration. Additionally, Apple laptops prepare preservice teachers with the tools they will encounter in Maine schools and across the country.

Q. When do I need to have my laptop?

A. First-year students need their laptops the first day of classes. Readmitted or transfer students to the College will need their laptops after passing teacher candidacy and entering their upper-level education courses.

Q. Where can I purchase the laptop and required software?

A. You may purchase the laptop and required software at a discounted rate through the Computer Connection. Students can also purchase their laptop directly from Apple Computer, Inc. online (<http://store.apple.com/>) but will not receive a discounted rate or eligibility to the loaner program.

Q. How can I afford to purchase a laptop?

A. We worked very hard to keep the cost of the laptop as low as possible. If you need help purchasing the laptop, please contact Financial Aid Office at 581-1324 to discuss your options.

Still have Questions?



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Laptops in Education



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Why the Laptop Program?

UMaine's College of Education and Human Development (COEHD) is committed to preparing aspiring teachers to creatively use technology in all aspects of their work in schools. Maine's K-12 schools, through the innovative Maine Learning Technology Initiative (MLTI), lead the nation in using technology for student learning; we recognize our responsibility to prepare teachers for working in technology-rich Maine schools as well as schools throughout the country.

To ensure that our graduates are ready for this dynamic responsibility, students enrolled in the COEHD and majoring in education programs leading to teacher certification are required to have a laptop. (The COEHD strongly recommends an Apple laptop - MacBook or MacBook Pro.) Our goal is to educate our students to use technology in the classroom so they are ready to do the same for their students in K-12 schools.

Additionally, personal laptops provide tremendous benefits to the college experience both in and out of the classroom. With a personal laptop, students can do course work when and where they want. Some examples include:

- Interacting with faculty, academic advisors, and fellow students via e-mail and other electronic communication methods
- Accessing course software and data in and out of classrooms
- Conducting research via the Internet and through online library services
- Creating multimedia projects that target 21st century skills
- Preparing papers and various types of media presentations
- Organizing study materials and course work
- Working in online study groups
- Submitting assignments directly to faculty online
- Having 24x7 access to electronic resources and student services
- Accessing course management systems such as Blackboard, WebCT, and Moodle
- Creating portfolios, web pages, and podcasts
- And much more!

Laptop Recommended

MacBook



Recommended Minimum Hardware 2009-2010:

Intel Core 2 Duo
2.0 GHz
2GB RAM
120GB Hard Drive
8x SuperDrive Dual Layer
Built-in iSight
MAC OS X 10.5 "Leopard"
1-year AppleCare Warranty

Approximate Price: \$950.00*

Purchasing a MacBook through the Computer Connection provides eligibility in the loaner program in case your computer needs repair.

Required Software:

NoteShare - Available at the Information Desk, first floor Shibles Hall.

Optional Items:

- 3-year Applecare Extended Warranty - \$183
- 3-year Warranty +^{OR}Damage Protection - \$219
- OpenOffice.org 3 - Free Download
- or
- MS Office 2008 - \$99
- Targus Sport Backpack - \$45
- Tucano Sleeve - \$22

*Confirm prices and features with the Computer Connection at 207.581.2580. (Final pricing due in May 2009.) Check or purchase online at: www.umaine.edu/computerconnection

On Board with Technology!

"We believe that technology plays a crucial role in learning K-16 and that our students should be prepared to effectively use technology in the classroom. If taught to think reflectively about and use the power of interactive technology, our students will be better prepared to educate learners in the 21st century."

— College of Education and Human Development Faculty



"Teachers must become comfortable as co-learners with their students and with colleagues around the world. Today it is less about staying ahead and more about moving ahead as members of dynamic learning communities. The digital-age teaching professional must demonstrate a vision of technology infusion and develop the technology skills of others. These are the hallmarks of the new education leader."

—Don Knezek, International Society for Technology in Education CEO, 2008