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Fall 2021 Laptop Recommendation

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A personal laptop can be a great tool for success for students of all majors. The hardware recommendations below can help you a find the right laptop. Cabrini does not recommend a manufacturer as most major manufacturers (Dell, Lenovo, HP, etc) offer quality laptops. We do recommend students purchase an extend warranty for their laptop, as Cabrini is not able to assist with hardware repairs.

We welcome both Windows 10 and Apple MacOS operating systems (OS), though some majors will recommend a specific OS. You may wish to speak with your advisors and professors regarding specifics for your major.

General Recommendation

Component	Recommendation
Operating System*	Windows 10 or MacOS
Processor/CPU	Intel i3/i5/i7 AMD Ryzen 3/5
RAM	8 GB minimum
Hard Drive	256 Solid State Drive (SSD)
Wireless	Dual-Band 2.4-5 GHz
Display Size	13" - 15"
Discrete Graphics	Optional

*Cabrini Science majors should choose a computer with the Windows 10 operating system; some software applications are not compatible with Apple/MacOS.

Graphic Design Recommendation

The MacBook Pro 16" is recommend for students majoring in Graphic Design.

Component	Recommendation
Model	MacBook Pro 16"
Processor/CPU	Intel i7 2.6GHz 6-Core
RAM	16 GB Minimum
Hard Drive	512 Solid State Drive (SSD) or higher
Wireless	Dual-Band 2.4-5 GHz
Display Size	16"
Discrete Graphics	AMD Radeon Pro 5300M or higher

Note: Some applications, including the Adobe Creative Cloud Suite, are only available on Cabrini lab computers. Cabrini does not provide licensing for personal computers.

Communications Recommendation

The MacBook Pro 16" is recommend for Communications majors, alternatively a Windows 10 computer with similar specifications may be a lower-cost option.

MacBook Pro 16"

Component	Recommendation
Model	Macbook Pro 16"
Processor/CPU	Intel i7 2.6GHz 6-Core
RAM	16 GB Minimum
Hard Drive	512 Solid State Drive (SSD) or higher
Wireless	Dual-Band 2.4-5 GHz
Display Size	16"
Discrete Graphics	AMD Radeon Pro 5300M or Higher

Windows 10 Laptop

Component	Recommendation
Processor/CPU	Intel i7 2.6 GHz or Higher
RAM	16 GB Minimum
Hard Drive	512 Solid State Drive (SSD) or higher
Wireless	Dual-Band 2.4-5 GHz
Display Size	15" or larger
Discrete Graphics	Nvidia GeForce GTX 2050/AMD Pro 5300M or higher

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