


Apple Computers

General information:

All Apple computers come with iLife (includes iPhoto, iMovie and Garage Band) and a one year warranty. It is a good idea to purchase an AppleCare warranty, which extends your warranty to 3 years. Having this support eliminates some of the stress of a student's busy life because you know that if your computer breaks it is covered. Microsoft Office (includes Word, Power Point, Excel, Entourage) must be purchased separately. Lewis & Clark offers a student license of Microsoft Office for \$80 that is the same as the retail version except that it can only be installed on one computer. No matter what computer you get, you should get an external hard drive to back up your files. A 250 GB hard drive is only \$72 and will save you from the extreme distress of having your computer's hard drive fail when you're in the middle of writing a 10 page paper and have to start all over. It is very important to back up your work, don't forget that Lewis & Clark provides you with 2 GB of free space available at webdisk.lclark.edu.

Which Apple laptop should I buy?



The **MacBook** is a white 13 inch laptop. It is a good basic student computer for activities like word processing and browsing the internet. However if you would like it to still be an effective machine during your senior year we recommend upgrading to 4 GB of RAM (Apple currently charges \$90 for this upgrade). The MacBook has a white polycarbonate unibody case, which means that it is made out of one sheet of polycarbonate, which makes it more durable. However the white case often shows finger prints over time. You can buy a Speck hard shell case or keyboard and trackpad covers to protect it, but if you are really concerned about the unsightly smudges you might upgrade to the MacBook Pro*.

*Once you have upgraded to 4 GB of RAM the main difference between your build and the first MacBook Pro model is the aluminum case. At this point it is only a little bit more to get the MacBook Pro so if you are concerned about the durability and appearance of your computer it is definitely worth it to upgrade.

The **MacBook Pro** comes in 13, 15 and 17 inch sizes. It has an aluminum unibody case, making it more durable than the MacBook and less likely to show fingerprints and smudges over time.

The 13 inch MacBook Pro is a great computer. It has 4 GB of RAM, which is the amount we recommend for a computer that is expected to last 4 years. It also has an SD card slot so you can import pictures directly from your camera's memory card to your computer. The 2.3 GHZ model will suite the average student's needs. However if you plan on doing design work—for example if you are working a lot with Adobe Photoshop or iMovie—or streaming video—like on Netflix instant play—you should consider the 2.7 GHZ model. It also has a larger hard drive so you can store more pictures and videos.

The 15 inch MacBook Pro is the first of the Apple laptops to include the new Intel Core i5 or i7 processors. These processors are cool because they can overclock and underclock according to your needs. That means, if you are doing something complex it will speed up, and though it is only a duo core it can act like a quad core. It also slows down if you're just reading a web page or typing a paper, saving energy and extending the life of your computer. All three 15 inch MacBook Pro models have 4 GB of RAM and an SD card slot like the 13 inch. They differ in the speed of their processors (i5 2.4 GHZ, i5 2.53 GHZ or i7 2.53 GHZ) and the size of their hard drive (320 or 500 GB). A 15 inch laptop is a bit of a pain to carry around but some people like the extra space, especially if they plan on watching movies on their computer (a great college dorm bonding experience).



The 17 inch MacBook Pro is the largest model offered. The large screen makes photo and digital editing easier, however its sheer size prohibits you from carrying it around like a true laptop. If you are interested in having a large screen we recommend getting an external monitor to keep in your room instead. These run relatively cheaply nowadays: we offer a 22 inch ultrasharp widescreen flat panel monitor for \$286**. An external monitor allows you the comfort of a large screen without the hassle of carrying it around with you. If you are interested in the 17 MacBook Pro because of its power you should consider getting a desktop computer instead. Desktop computers have much larger screens and cost about \$500 less than a comparable laptop.

What desktop computers does Apple offer?

The **iMac** is a computer that is contained all in the screen. You have the option of a 21.5 inch or a 27 inch size. Apple has always made very high quality displays and with a 1920 x 1080 resolution on the 21.5 inch size, the iMac maintains this creed. It is also designed to minimize clutter: it comes with a wireless Magic Mouse and wireless keyboard and in fact the only “wire” it has is the power cable. The low end 21.5 inch iMac model is much more powerful than the highest end MacBook Pro. In all it is a very high quality, very powerful computer.



The **MacMini** is great when you are switching from a PC desktop to a Mac and already have a monitor, keyboard and mouse. Apple calls it a powerhouse and it really is: at just 7.7 inches square and 1.4 inches deep, even the lower end MacMini model has higher specs than the standard MacBook model. Still, in order to ensure that this is a competitive computer when you are a senior, we recommend upgrading the RAM to 4 GB.

What deals does Apple offer?

As a student you get an education discount of \$50 - \$200 off of a computer purchase, depending on which computer you buy. You are also eligible for a free 8 GB iPod Touch or a discounted 32 GB or 64 GB iPod Touch (\$100 and \$200 respectively). You are also eligible for up to \$100 off of any of the printers offered on the Apple website. If the printer is less than \$100 it is free, if it is more you get a \$100 discount. The iPod and printer deals are offered as rebates for a limited time only.

Where do I purchase an Apple computer?

At an Apple Store or online at the Apple Education Store. The nearest Apple Store is downtown in the Pioneer Place Mall. There is also one at Washington Square in Tigard (by Beaverton). To access the Apple Education Store go to: <http://store.apple.com/us-hed> and choose Lewis & Clark as your school.

Why can't I buy Apple products from you?

With Apple's new requirements our school is too small to qualify for the Campus Reseller program.

**All pricing listed is subject to change as our vendors change their prices.