

1. College of Architecture and Planning

Do not buy a computer until 2nd year.

- **Architecture**—WIN/PC or Mac
<http://cms.bsu.edu/Academics/CollegesandDepartments/CAP/Academics/Bachelors/FirstYearProgram/CompReq.aspx>
- **Landscape Architecture**—Laptop, PC or Mac
<http://cms.bsu.edu/Academics/CollegesandDepartments/CAP/Academics/Bachelors/FirstYearProgram/CompReq.aspx>
- **Urban Planning**— WIN/PC or Mac

2. College of Applied Sciences & Technology

All teaching majors require a Mac laptop. Education majors: General Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Physical Education, Career and Technical Education, Technology Teacher Education,

- **Family & Consumer Sciences**—in general—WIN/PC with a lot of memory (4GB or greater)
Majors: Apparel Design, Child Life Specialist, Child Development, Family Studies, Dietetics, Fashion Merchandising, General Family and Consumer Sciences, Hospitality and Food Management, Residential Property Management, Interior Design (*see below*) —Do not buy a computer until 2nd year, and then check department's computer specs for recommendations.

INTERIOR DESIGN

Minimum Specifications

Intel Core i5-2520M (250GHz, 3M cache) with Turbo Boost Technology 2.0

Windows Professional 32-bit or 64-bit

15.6" HD+ (1600x900) Wide View Anti-Glare LED backlit

4GB, DDR3-1333MHz SDRAM, 1 DIMM

250GB Hard Drive, 5400 rpm

nVidia NVS 4200M 512MB DDR3 Discrete Graphics for Dual Core

8x DVD Drive

9-Cell (90wh) Lithium Ion Battery

INTERIOR DESIGN

Preferred Specifications

Intel Core i7-740QM Quad Core 1.72GHz 6MB

Windows Professional 64-bit

15.6" Full HD (1920 x 1080) Wide View Anti-Glare LED display

8GB DDR3-1333MHz SDRAM, 2 DIMMs

500GB Hard Drive, 7400 rpm

nVidia Quadro FX 1800M Graphics with 1GB dedicated memory

8X DVD+/-RW Drive

9-Cell (90wh) Lithium Ion Battery

Students are welcome to order a Lenovo laptop through the Computer Store, but they are not required to do so. Students who choose to purchase a computer from the BSU Computer Store have the advantage of on-site warranty repair.

- **Military Science**—No preference
- **Nursing**—Recommend WIN/PC. Later in the program will have to buy a mobile device. Most instructors allow laptop use during lecture sessions.
- **School of Physical Education, Sport, and Exercise Science**—No preference. Majors: Adapted Physical Education, Athletic Training, Aquatics, Exercise Science, Sports Administration
- **Technology**—No preference. Majors: Manufacturing Engineering Technology, Graphic Arts Management—WIN/PC or Mac--many students use Mac, but it is not required
- **Fisher Institute for Wellness and Gerontology**-(graduate program) must have Mac or PC laptop

3. College of Communication Information & Media

All teaching majors require a Mac laptop.

Journalism

- **Journalism Education** (Teachers College) Mac laptop required
- **All other Journalism options including Advertising, News-Editorial, Magazine, and Public Relations:** Mac suggested. Whether or not students can use laptops during class is up to each individual instructor.

The following is a detailed list from the Journalism Department about departmental computer requirements:

The Department of Journalism does not currently have a laptop requirement for students majoring in advertising, journalism graphics, magazine, news-editorial, photojournalism or public relations. Journalism education majors

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must follow the Teachers College requirements to use a Mac laptop. For more information on this requirement, visit <http://www.bsu.edu/teachers/laptops/>.

Below we list the suggested specifications and models for laptop computer purchases for students majoring in advertising, news-editorial, magazine, public relations or journalism secondary education.

MacBook Pro 13" Option 1
2.3 GHZ Intel Core i5 (Dual Core)
4 GB SDRAM
320 GB hard drive
Intel HD Graphics 3000
SDXC card slot
Built-in 7 hour battery
Thee year Apple protection plan

Below are the suggested specifications for students majoring in journalism graphics or photography.

MacBook Pro 15 inch option 1
2.0 GHZ Intel Core i7 (quad-core)
4GB memory
500 GB 5400-rpm hard drive
Intel HD Graphics 3000 (integrated)
AMD Radeon HD 6490M (discrete)
SDXC card slot
Built-in 7 hour battery
Thee year Apple protection plan

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- **Center for Information and Communication Sciences (CICS)**—no requirements. Most instructors allow laptops in the classrooms. Software requirements: Microsoft Office, Microsoft Project, and Visio.
- **Telecommunications (TCOM)**
 - 15" MacBook Pro 2.2GHz (Model #MC723LL/A):** 2.2GHz Intel Core i7 (quad-core); 4GB 1333MHz Memory; 750 GB 5400-rpm hard drive; SDXC card reader; Built-in battery (7 hours); Intel HD Graphics 3000 (integrated); AMD Radeon HD 6750M (discrete). Bundled with 3-year AppleCare Protection Plan. See Computer Store for price information.
 - 17" MacBook Pro 2.2GHz (Model #MC725LL/A):** 2.2GHz Intel Core i7 (quad-core); 4GB 1333MHz Memory; 750GB 5400-rpm hard drive: ExpressCard/34 slot; Built-in battery (7 hours); Intel HD Graphics 3000 (integrated); AMD Radeon HD 6750M (discrete). Bundled with 3-year AppleCare Protection Plan. See Computer Store for price information.
- **Communication Studies**—WIN/PC recommended (most in this department use this). Most instructors will allow laptops in the classrooms.

4. College of Fine Arts

All teaching majors require a Mac laptop.

- **Art**—No preference, most students use Mac. Visual Art Education must follow Teacher’s College recommendations.
- **Music**—No preference; Music Technology major—No preference, but Macs are used in the studios.
- **Theatre & Dance**—No preference

5. College of Miller College of Business

All teaching majors require a Mac laptop.

- **Accounting**—No preference, but most students use WIN/PC. Must be able to run Microsoft Office.
- **Economics**—Recommend WIN/PC
- **Finance and Insurance**—No preference
- **Information Systems & Operations Management**—Recommend WIN/PC (Do Not use Mac)
- **Marketing and Management**—No preference, but most students use WIN/PC. Some instructors allow laptop use during class, others do not.

6. College of Sciences & Humanities

All teaching majors require a Mac laptop: Social Studies (Geography, History, Sociology, Political Science), Earth Space Science (Geological Sciences), Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Health Education, Psychology, Mathematics, English, Foreign Languages (Modern Languages and Classics).

- **Anthropology**—No preference, most students use WIN/PC
- **Biology**— No preference, except for teaching majors in Life Sciences for whom Mac is required. Pre-Health majors include: Pre-Med, pre-dentistry, pre-dental hygiene, pre-pharmacy, pre-optometry, medical technology, pre-physician assistant, pre-veterinary, pre-chiropractic
- **Chemistry**— No preference, except for teaching majors in Chemistry or Physical Science for whom Mac is required. Majors: Chemistry and Biochemistry. Associate Degree: Chemical Technology
- **Computer Science**—It is strongly recommended, but not required, that freshmen majors own a laptop. After the first year, it is required that majors own a laptop.
- **Criminal Justice**—No preference. Most instructors allow laptops in classrooms for note taking.
- **English**— No preference, except for teaching majors for whom Mac is required
- **Geography**—No preference, most students use a WIN/PC; except for teaching majors for whom Mac is required. Most instructors allow laptops in the classrooms.
- **Geology**—No preference, except for Earth Space Science teaching majors for whom Mac is required

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- **History**—No preference (most use WIN/PC), except for Social Studies teaching majors for whom Mac is required. Some instructors allow laptop use in the classroom. This information will be provided in the syllabi.
- **Mathematical Sciences**— No preference, except for teaching majors for whom Mac is required
- **Modern Languages and Classics**—No preference, except for Foreign Language teaching majors for whom Mac is required
- **Natural Resources**—WIN/PC recommended
- **Philosophy and Religious Studies**—No preference
- **Physics and Astronomy**—WIN/PC recommended not required, except teaching majors for whom Mac is required
- **Physiology and Health Science**—No preference, except for Health Education teaching majors for whom Mac is required
- **Political Science**— No preference, except for Social Studies teaching majors for whom Mac is required
- **Psychological Science**— No preference, except for teaching majors for whom Mac is required
- **Sociology**— No preference, except for Social Studies teaching majors for whom Mac is required. Most instructors use a PC.
- **Social Work**—WIN/PC recommended, although a computer is not required.
- **Speech Pathology and Audiology**—No preference (most students use WIN/PC, but they can use either platform) Instructors allow use of laptops in the classrooms.

7. Teachers College

All students entering the teacher education program are required to obtain an Apple laptop computer to use in the teacher education curriculum. <http://www.bsu.edu/teachers/laptops/> You may be eligible to use part of your financial aid package to purchase your Apple laptop computer. For more information, click here http://www.bsu.edu/icare/store/index_incoming.php or contact the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at (800)227-4017

Educational Leadership—Mac laptop required

- **Educational Psychology**—Mac laptop required
- **Educational Studies**—Mac laptop required
- **Elementary Education**—Mac laptop required, should have Microsoft Office and Fetch installed
- **Special Education**—Mac laptop required

[View all Mac Computers](#) available for purchase at our campus [Computer Store](#).
Students receive educational discounts!

Most Apple computers purchased through the Ball State Computer Store come with a 3-year [Apple Protection Plan](#), which extends the manufacturer's warranty and phone support to three years from the date of purchase.

You may reserve a computer package to purchase later. Review the details on the Hold/Prepay Request form at http://computerstore.iweb.bsu.edu/order_hold_form.html

For information about accidental damage and theft insurance, <http://www.bsu.edu/icare/kb/article.php?id=39&search=insurance>

Policy pricing is available at <http://www.safeware.com/ballst/>