

To: Incoming class Fall 2020  
Subject: Welcome to NJIT and Your Laptop Requirement

Welcome new NJIT Students!

We are pleased to welcome you to NJIT and provide information about the College of Science and Liberal Arts (CSLA) laptop requirement.

Starting in the fall of 2021, CSLA will require all incoming students to have a personal laptop computer for use in and outside of the classroom. This requirement will allow you to use state-of-the-art software throughout your studies at NJIT, to participate in classroom activities, to access and use online materials, develop your own software and to work on your homework and projects. While this laptop requirement does not go into effect until next fall, we strongly recommend you purchase one this year, as some courses may operate under the assumption that you have this laptop.

The minimum required laptop specifications, as well as recommended models available for purchase at a discount from Lenovo, will be posted on the Undergraduate Computer Requirement site: <https://ist.njit.edu/student-computers/>. These specifications were chosen so that the machine will continue to be useful for most purposes throughout your entire study period at NJIT.

**SUPPORT:**

NJIT supports Lenovo laptops sold via this partnership. Lenovo-certified technicians located on-campus can quickly diagnose and fix hardware-related issues covered under your warranty.

**ALTERNATIVE HARDWARE MODELS:**

We provide the Lenovo purchase option as a service to students. You are free to purchase any other laptop from any other vendor, so long as it meets the minimum requirements.

**SOFTWARE:**

All NJIT students are provided access to a software bundle including frequently-used Microsoft products, virus protection, programming, design, and other tools. This bundle is provided at no additional cost.

**PC vs. Mac:**

Some courses may require the use of Windows-only software, which is why we recommend a Windows laptop. If you purchase an Apple computer, you may be required to install Windows in a dual-boot environment. NJIT does not provide support for Mac-based hardware or the dual-boot environment.

**DELIVERY:**

Make sure the computer is delivered TO YOUR PLACE OF RESIDENCE. We cannot accept delivery at NJIT and store it for you. Please plan to bring your new laptop to NJIT for use at the start of classes in September 2020.

**PREPARATION:**

Once you receive your laptop, open the box and make sure you received what you ordered. Mistakes are made – not often, but they can happen. You also want to make sure your laptop works and can connect to the Internet. Visit the NJIT software download page at <http://ist.njit.edu/software/> to find software such as Office 365 and MATLAB at no cost.

**QUESTIONS:**

For more information and FAQ, please visit <https://ist.njit.edu/student-computers/>  
If you have questions, please email [compreg@njit.edu](mailto:compreg@njit.edu)

Enjoy the summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.