

MD Program Student Laptop Guidelines for 2026

The Educational Technology & Innovation Unit (ETIU) recommends the following hardware and software. If you're considering bringing an existing device, check with OMSEedtech@wustl.edu to ensure your device meets minimum requirements for our teaching and learning systems. Recommended laptops are available for purchase via the WashU Campus Store (Follett) or by emailing campusstoretech@wustl.edu for custom orders.

Recommended Laptop Specifications

Processor	Intel i7 or better; Apple Silicon
RAM	16 GB or more (32GB preferred)
Hard Drive	512GB or larger (solid state preferred)
Network Card	Intel Dual-Band Wireless-AC
Display Port	HDMI (Note: DisplayPort, Mini DisplayPort, and Apple connections require adapter)
Screen	1920 x 1080 or higher (14"+ screen recommended; 13" acceptable w/ ext. monitor)
Camera	Built-in camera and microphone
OS	Windows: Windows 11; Mac: macOS Sonoma (macOS 14) or newer
Anti-Virus/ Malware Software	Windows: Microsoft Windows Defender, AVG, Trend Micro, TotalAV; Mac: AVG or Avast
Encryption	PC: BitLocker with TPM hard drive encryption enabled Mac: FileVault hard drive encryption enabled
Warranty	3-year warranty covering parts and labor (on-site/next day preferred)



Recommendations for Connectivity & Software

- High speed internet service (cable modem or DSL) at home
- [Adobe PDF Reader](#) (Free)
- [Microsoft Edge](#) (Windows 11) or [Google Chrome](#) (recommended browser)
- [Office for Home](#) (activate on up to five personally-owned devices with current student/employee status)
- Additional discounted software is available via [OnTheHub](#) and [WashU IT](#) (SPSS, SAS, and MATLAB licenses are currently free to students)

Technology Support

Laptop: It is each student's responsibility to ensure their laptop is functioning properly and is able to connect to the WUSM-Secure wireless network. Computer repair is available through your computer vendor or manufacturer. Limited services are available at [WashU Campus Store's WU Technology Center](#) on the Danforth Campus; contact campusstoretech@wustl.edu for questions. On the Medical Campus, the [WUSM Link Tech Bar](#) in the Pedestrian Link provides walk-up IT support (not hardware repair).

Teaching & Learning Systems & Tools (e.g., Keystone, Poll Everywhere, Epic access): Contact ETIU at OMSEedtech@wustl.edu. Or, call 314-273-OMSE, M-F, 8am to 5pm.

Other Systems ([wireless connectivity](#), [Epic support](#), [WUSTL Key](#), etc.): Contact the WashU IT Service Desk at ithelp@wustl.edu, or call 314-933-3333 and state that you are an MD student. Additional information for services provided by WashU IT can be found at it.wustl.edu.



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