

Laptop Recommendations

All Montserrat students should arrive on campus with a laptop that meets their curriculum requirements and an external hard drive for transferring and backing up work**. We have outlined the basic requirements for a laptop below, along with some model recommendations if you will be purchasing a new computer. Models listed here are suggestions, any laptop that meets hardware requirements will suffice.

Meeting the minimum requirements is essential to a successful educational experience - increasing the specifications beyond the minimum required can prove helpful over the course of the program, especially for students that have an interest in digital concentrations and may need a high-performance computer as their work progresses over the years.

Montserrat provides the full Adobe Creative Cloud Suite (\$50/mo value) and Microsoft Office Suite for the duration of your time here.

General Use, Adobe Basics

Please note, these are bare minimum requirements. If you are planning on purchasing a laptop, we strongly encourage you to seek the mid-tier range.

Processor: dual core @ 1.6 GHz +
RAM: 8GB
Hard Drive: 256 SSD or 500GB HDD

Model Suggestions:

Mac: [MacBook Air - 1.6GHz dual-core, Turbo Boost up to 3.6GHz, 256GB SSD](#)
Windows: [Lenovo Flex 15 2-in-1 - i5 1.6GHz, Turbo Boost up to 3.4 GHz, 256GB SSD](#)

Mid-Tier

Processor: quad-core @ 2.3GHz +
RAM: 8GB +
Hard Drive: 256GB SSD (or larger)

Model Suggestions:

Mac: [13" Macbook Pro 2.3GHz Processor, 256GB SSD](#)
Windows: [Lenovo IdeaPad 720S - i7 2.8GHz Processor, 512 SSD](#)

High-Tier

Processor: 6-core 2.6Ghz +
RAM: 16GB +
Hard Drive: 500GB SSD (or larger)
Graphics Card: Dedicated Graphics (note: not all laptops have dedicated graphics cards)

Model Suggestions:

Mac: [15" Macbook Pro - 2.6GHz 6-core processor, 512GB SSD](#)
Windows: [Lenovo ThinkPad T580 - i7, 6-core processor, 512GB SSD](#)

**Recommended External Hard Drive: [Western Digital 1TB My Passport External Hard Drive](#)
We provide a 1TB external HD in the starter kit for all incoming students that purchase one.

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