

Laptop Requirement

All Montserrat students are required to 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: quad-core @ 1.4 GHz +
RAM: 8GB
Hard Drive: 256 SSD or 500GB HDD

Model Suggestions:

Mac: [13" MacBook Pro 1.4GHz 4-Core Processor with TB up to 3.9GHz; 256GB SSD](#)
Windows: [Dell Latitude 3500 15", 1.6GHz 4-Core i5 processor, 256GB SSD](#)

Mid-Tier

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

Model Suggestions:

Mac: [13" MacBook Pro 2.0GHz 4-Core i5 Processor, 512GB SSD](#)
Windows: [Dell Inspiron 15 7000 15.6", up to 4.9GHz Core i7 processor, 512GB SSD](#)

High-Tier

Processor: 8-core 2.6Ghz +
RAM: 16GB +
Hard Drive: 1TB SSD (or larger)
Graphics Card: Dedicated Graphics (note: not all laptops have dedicated graphics cards)

Model Suggestions:

Mac: [16" MacBook Pro 2.3GHz 8-Core i9 Processor, 1TB SSD](#)
Windows: [Dell XPS 15 15.6", up to 5GHz 8-Core i9 processor, 1TB 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.

If you have financial concerns, please reach out to the Financial Aid office to discuss options:
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Montserrat students are eligible for computing discounts through most laptop providers by proving their enrollment status. Reach out to cts@montserrat.edu with any questions.