Purchasing: Personally Owned Technology

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University students, faculty, and staff have access to discounts on hardware and software for their personally owned computers and devices, as well as cellular services. Each of these services has a catalog of products, but some limitations may apply. These services are not currently available to graduated students or retired faculty and staff. Students must be enrolled to take advantage of these services.

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Minimum Recommended Requirements

Windows Laptop

Processor	Intel i5 or AMD Ryzen 5
Operating System	Windows 11
Software	Microsoft Office (See below for info on Office 365)
Memory	16 GB RAM or higher
Hard Drive	256 GB Solid State Drive or better
Wireless	Wi-Fi 5 or newer
Webcam	Integrated or external webcam required
HDMI	To use projection systems on campus laptops should have a HDMI port or adapter (current model machines typically use a USB-C to HDMI)

Mac Laptop

Processor	Apple Silicon (M-Series)
	Please note that Apple Silicon processors do not currently support running Windows alongside the macOS

Operating System	Current Version macOS (macOS 14 - Sonoma)
Software	Microsoft Office (See below for info on Office 365)
Memory	16 GB RAM or higher
Hard Drive	256 GB Solid State Drive or better
Webcam	All current Mac laptops and iMacs include a webcam, an external webcam is required for other models
HDMI	To use projection systems on campus, a USB-C to HDMI adapter is needed

Google Chromebook

The use of Google Chromebooks is highly discouraged due to being incompatible with some commonly used University systems. Chromebooks do not meet the laptop requirements for either the College of Business or the College of Nursing.

College Specific Laptop Requirement

The College of Business and College of Nursing have laptop requirements for any students who are majoring in one of their programs. For information on the specific requirements for these two colleges, please refer to the following pages.
College of Business Laptop Requirement: https://www.uwec.edu/academics/college-business/laptop-requirement/
College of Nursing BSN Laptop Requirements: https://www.uwec.edu/academics/college-nursing-health-sciences/about/laptop-requirements/

Hardware Discounts

Discounts on computer hardware are available from Apple. Use the following link to be connected to their UW-Eau Claire education stores.
Apple: https://store.apple.com/us_edu_189120
Dell: https://www.dell.com/en-us/member/shop?cs=2236&scat=root&link_number=29215843&isredir=true

Software Discounts

Office 365

Office 365 is a subscription-based service offered by Microsoft that provides file storage and Office capabilities across multiple computers and devices. This includes common Office applications such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, as well as, many other applications. You can access Office 365 on most devices through a web browser, you can use the Microsoft Office apps on your mobile device, or you can download a copy of the most recent version of Microsoft Office using one of five

free licenses for desktop/laptop computers.

Available to: Current students, faculty, and staff
https://www.uwec.edu/kb/article/office-365-downloading-office-365-software/

On the Hub

Through the UWEC On the Hub Software Download Center, it is possible for individuals with UW-Eau Claire accounts to install Microsoft products on their personal computers for free (or at a low cost).

Available to: Current students, faculty, and staff
https://www.uwec.edu/kb/article/on-the-hub-software-store/

Virtual Lab (VMWare Horizon)

The Virtual Lab (VMWare Horizon) system allows students to access software titles from the general access computer labs on their personal computer from almost anywhere. Access to the Virtual Lab environment is available through the VMWare Horizon software or through the Virtual Lab web interface.

Available to: Current students, faculty, and staff
http://virtual.uwec.edu

Personal Cellular Discounts

Visit the Purchasing: Cellular Devices knowledgebase page for details on personal cellular discounts.