



## Recommended Laptop Computers for Undergraduate Business Students

### Operating Systems Recommended

<b>Windows 10 (64 bit / 32 bit ) or higher</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>macOS 10.14 (Mojave) or higher</b>
Especially recommended for Finance, BIS and SCM majors.		Not typically recommended for Finance, BIS and SCM majors.

### Minimum Hardware Recommended

Processor (CPU):	Intel i5 or AMD Ryzen 5 processor or higher
Memory (RAM):	8 GB or higher
Hard Drive:	250 GB or higher
Ports:	At least one USB-C/Thunderbolt 3, USB-A; port capable of charging, video, and data transfer

### Notes

1. There is no preference between a Windows or Mac based laptop, except for students pursuing Finance, Business Information Systems (BIS), or Supply Chain Management (SCM) majors (see Notes 2 and 3 below). Lehigh Library & Technology Services (LTS) *strongly advises against* the purchase of a Chromebook. A Chromebook does not work to complete specific software based course assignments.
2. Several required courses use software that only runs on the Windows platform. Students with Mac based laptops will be required to install and use [VPN software](#) and [Lehigh's Virtual Software LUapps](#), to access this software and run it remotely.
3. Most Finance, BIS, and SCM courses employ the Windows platform, and in many Finance, BIS, and SCM jobs, the default standard is the Windows platform. Therefore, if you are planning to pursue any of these three majors, the College of Business and LTS *strongly recommend* a Windows system for these majors due to the need for specific Windows based software to complete coursework. A Windows operating system is strongly recommended for these majors. Instructors in the majors mentioned above

have, in the past, assumed that the students possess WIN10 machines and accordingly, students using macOS systems will find themselves at a significant disadvantage.

4. LTS offers [guidance on warranty recommendations](#). The LTS Helpdesk on the main floor of the EWF library is a good starting place for all computing, networking, and lending services questions. They are also [available by email, phone, online, and text](#).
5. Lehigh can [perform warranty repairs on certain brands and models](#) of computers.
6. One of the major benefits available to Lehigh students is that MS Office is provided free throughout their time at Lehigh, but this subscription ends when a student graduates. It is up to the individual student if they wish to [purchase MS Office at a student discount](#) before leaving the university.

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