

# Student Laptop Requirements

All students admitted to the Marriott School of Management are required to own a business class laptop. A netbook is not considered a business class laptop and will not meet the minimum computing requirements outlined below.

The following are the minimum laptop requirements for new Marriott School students:

Hardware/Software	Minimum Requirement
Operating System	Windows 7 Home or better (32 or 64 bit) or Mac OSX Leopard or better
Required Software	Microsoft Office 2007 or 2010 (Word/Excel/PowerPoint/Publisher) or Office:mac 2011 Antivirus software for Windows computers (can get it free from BYU while a student) Additional software may be required depending on the courses taken
Memory	2 GB (DDR2) or better
Hard Disk	160 GB (SATA 5400 RPM) or better
Drives	DVD (read) and CD (read/write) capable
Graphics	128 MB video memory or better
Audio	Built-in speakers Microphone jack Headphone jack
Networking	Wireless 802.11 b/g compliant 10/100 Mbps LAN/Ethernet port
Ports	2 USB ports 1 VGA or DVI/HDMI/etc. with a VGA adapter
Display	13" display recommended (a netbook will work, but the display is a little small to see) 1024 X 768 resolution or better
Battery	3 hour battery life or better (May require multiple batteries be purchased)

## SOFTWARE AND INTERNET

You will use Microsoft Office applications extensively throughout the program. Microsoft Office must be purchased by students and is available at deeply discounted academic pricing through the BYU Bookstore, along with many other useful software packages.

Students who want to use BYU wireless access on campus are required to:

- Have an up to date antivirus program installed on their laptop.
- Keep their Windows operating system up to date with the latest security patches from Microsoft.
- Obtain administrative rights on their laptop so that software and patches can be installed as needed.

## PURCHASING AIDS AND IDEAS

The specifications above can often be met by sub-\$1,000 laptops. Computers that meet the minimum requirements are sold at local stores, including warehouses such as Costco or Sam's Club. There are also many online retailers, such as Dell, HP, Sony, Gateway, and Lenovo, where a laptop can be purchased.

You may also find current offers from the BYU Bookstore's Cougar Computer department at [www.byubookstore.com](http://www.byubookstore.com).

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**Note:** This policy is updated annually. Students entering the Marriott School of Management with a laptop meeting the minimum requirements should not need to upgrade during their program.