MSU Computer Requirement

Each student must have a laptop or desktop computer that can browse the Internet at high speeds

• A modern operating system that still receives security updates
• Chromebooks, netbooks, or mobile phones are okay as supplementary devices

Check with the college/department – some may have specific requirements
Repair & Warranties

Computer Repair

- The MSU Tech Store partners with local vendors to coordinate computer repairs, including transporting the equipment for students.
- Students can obtain a loaner computer if computer was purchased at the MSU Tech Store.

Warranties

- Consider an extended coverage warranty

Accidental Damage

- Accidental damage protection is separate from manufacturer’s standard warranty. Check with place of purchase for details.
MSU Technology Environment

MSU is the on-campus Internet Service Provider

- MSUNetID – key to students’ connectivity on campus
MSU Technology Environment

technology.msu.edu/wireless

MSUNet Wi-Fi

• Wi-Fi is available in academic and common areas, and in all residence halls
• Residence halls have Wi-Fi coverage
• Those halls that do not have full Wi-Fi coverage allow access points and have Ethernet boxes (one port per pillow)
• You can purchase Ethernet cables and access points at the MSU Tech Store
Microsoft Office

- Spartan 365
- Spartan Email
- Office Pro Plus (includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, and OneNote)
- Spartan Skype
- Spartan Drive
MSU Technology Environment

Google G Suite for Education (googleapps.msu.edu)

- Google Drive (Docs), Sites, Calendar, Contacts, and Classroom – Students use their MSU NetID
- No Gmail included
MSU Technology Environment

Course Management Systems (D2L, LON-CAPA)

- Some classes may be blended or fully online
- Instructors share information with students
- Many students may use to submit assignments, therefore eliminating the need for a printer in their room
Many locations across campus
  • Labs open whenever the building is open

Large software library
  • More than 200 applications available in labs
  • Average lab computer has over $100,000 in software available to students
  • High-end titles (AutoCAD, Photoshop, Mathematica)
What About Other Software?

- Educational pricing is offered on all items at the MSU Tech Store
Printing at MSU

print.msu.edu

• On-campus printing is available using the lab computers or online

• Students can pay using credit cards, Spartan Cash, or their student receivables account
Network Citizenship

MSU Acceptable Use Policy

tech.msu.edu/aup

- Comply with state/federal law, MSU policies
- Authorized usage only
- Respect the privacy of others
- Don't disrupt systems or networks
- No commercial use of MSU facilities
Illegal file sharing is a real issue

- MSU receives way too many complaints each month
- Offenders face fees, loss of network access, possible suspension/expulsion, and possible lawsuits from copyright holders
- If students have file sharing software on their computer at home, remove it before coming to MSU

Password protect all devices!
There are legal alternatives
Safeguard personal information

• Beware of phishing - NEVER give out password information no matter how legitimate the request appears
• Use caution on social media sites (e.g., Facebook, Snapchat)

- Do NOT share passwords
- Consider using pass phrases
- Password-protect all devices
- Enable automatic updates
MSU IT Service Desk 24/7

- Technology assistance (517) 432-6200
- Hardware and software assistance

MSU Tech Store

- Free walk-in technology consultations
- Office and Antivirus software setup help
Questions?

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