EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INCOMING COMPUTER SCIENCE/INFORMATICS STUDENTS

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Welcome to Baylor!

The Computer Science Department does not require incoming students to have a computer as part of the curriculum. With this being the case, some students are still interested in acquiring a system when they start their journey here at Baylor. If you would like to acquire a computer, we would suggest systems with the following minimum specifications:

- Multi core processor
- At least 8GB of memory
- 500GB or larger hard drive
- Discrete graphics card (with discrete memory)
- An 802.11an or better wireless network card (for laptops)

Baylor University has existing relationships with Apple and Dell to extend discounts to our students. More information on the products and discounts they offer can be found at http://www.baylor.edu/its/index.php?id=869053. Baylor also provides AirBear wireless networking in most academic buildings and common areas to allow students to use portable devices wherever they wish to work.

As a Baylor student, you will have access to software for use on personal systems including Microsoft’s Office 365 at no additional charge. More details on the software available to all Baylor students can be found at https://www.baylor.edu/its/index.php?id=867858. Most of the Computer Science specific software used is freely available for you to download, allowing students to configure a system similar to the computers available in departmental provided labs.

1 Access to these pages requires your Bear_ID to view the details so make sure you have that set up first.