



Computer & Printer

STANDARD COST: \$700+

Both the Mac and Windows platforms are supported and OIT offers technical support and on-site repair for personally owned equipment. Computing centers are available for students who do not bring computers, though ownership is highly recommended.

See your provided documentation for the Technology Recommendations brochure.

Ink/Toner Cartridges

STANDARD COST: \$15+

Bringing a printer to campus? Make sure you remember to bring extra ink cartridges or toner to print all of your papers.

The Help Desk technology shop offers discounted ink and toner for most printers.

Portable Storage

STANDARD COST: \$5+

For storage and transportation of class project files, OIT recommends that all students purchase a USB thumb drive or portable external hard drive. USB thumb drives come in a variety of sizes to accommodate large documents.

For digital media projects (audio or video,) an external hard drive is required, since these materials can quickly outstrip even the largest USB thumb drive capacities.

Network Card

STANDARD COST: \$25 + INSTALLATION

To access the Internet through the college network, you may need a network card installed in your machine. Installation is available at Washington College by OIT or at your nearest computer repair store. Network access is provided at no additional cost to students.

Wireless cards should conform to the 802.11b, 802.11g or 802.11n protocols (802.11a will not work.)

Network Cable

STANDARD COST: \$7.25

A network cable is used in conjunction with the network card to provide connectivity. You can purchase these cables at the Washington College Bookstore or wherever network cards are sold.

The Book Store usually carries 15 ft and 25 ft cables.



Surge Protector

STANDARD COST: \$20

A surge protector safeguards your equipment from harmful electrical surges. Plug all expensive electrical equipment, including all computer equipment, into a surge protector.

The Book Store usually offers 8- and 4-outlet surge protectors.

Recovery Software

STANDARD WITH MOST COMPUTERS

Most computers come with "Recovery Discs" which contain the installed software and drivers that came with your computer. Keep these CDs with the computer. You will need them should the software on your computer become corrupt.

Coaxial Cable

STANDARD COST: \$10

Each dorm room has a cable TV hookup with a basic cable package available. You can purchase a coaxial cable (standard cable connection) at any store selling electronics, audio and visual equipment. The cable program service is provided at no additional cost to students though students must purchase their own connecting cable.

Telephone

STANDARD COST: \$15+

Bring a telephone and standard telephone cord for use in your room. Washington College provides dial-tone access at no additional charge. Our telephone service provides voice mail. If you are bringing a cordless phone make sure it's 900MHz or 5.8GHz. **Please, do not bring a 2.4Ghz cordless phone** as it interferes with our wireless network.