Welcome to the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine!

All incoming veterinary medical and veterinary technology students must have a laptop or tablet that meets the minimum requirements to run software used by the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM). Both Windows and Apple computers are compatible.

A privacy filter for your laptop is required for all first-year students, since the vast majority of your exams will be given using the Examsoft electronic examination system. Filters are available for most laptop models at Amazon and other retailers.

Please note: devices such as Chromebooks, Linux laptops, and tablets running Android or iOS are not compatible with all CVM software, and may not be used as your primary device.

For Windows

For the Windows platform, the minimum requirements are any x86 or 64bit compatible computer with 4 GB of ram minimum running Windows 7 or higher. If you need to purchase a computer, we recommend one of these options with at least 8GB of RAM and an i5 processor:

**Dell Inspiron 7000, $899.99**
15.6" Display, Intel i5 7300JQ, 8GB RAM, 256GB SSD, Nvidia 4GB Video Card, Windows 10, Standard Keyboard, 6 cell battery, 5.7lbs, One Year Standard Warranty

**Dell XPS 13, $999.99**
13.3" Display, Intel i5 7200U, 8GB RAM, 128GB SSD, Windows 10, Backlit Keyboard, 6 cell battery, 2.9lbs, One Year Standard Warranty

**Dell Inspiron 5000, $649.99**
15" Display, Intel i5 7200U, 8GB RAM, 1TB HD 5400 RPM, Windows 10, Backlit Keyboard, DVD/RW, 5.3lbs, One Year Accidental Damage Warranty

Note: All students who purchase non-Latitude Dells for personal use between May 2 and October 15, 2017 will receive a $150 cash rebate back through the MSU Computer Store.

**Microsoft Surface Pro 4, $1,129.00**
12.3" Display, Intel Core i5, Windows 10 Prp, 8GB RAM, 256GB SSD, Comes with Surface Pro Type Keyboard and Surface Pen.

For Apple

For the Apple platform, the minimum requirements are any Intel Mac 2012 or newer with 4 GB of ram
minimum running MacOS 10.6.8 or higher. If you need to purchase a computer, we recommend any one of these MacBooks.

**MSU Computer Store**

Students who wish to purchase their computers through the MSU Computer store can visit their website or stop by for a personal consultation. You typically will receive discounted pricing and a better warranty through the MSU Computer Store. Students who purchase their computer through the MSU Computer Store are automatically enrolled in a loaner program, which is an active loaner pool program for MSU students whose machines may need repair.

**MSU Financial Aid Budget: Computer Costs**

You are making a significant investment in your education over the next four years, so it is highly recommended that you purchase a new (reliable) laptop or tablet that will last the duration of your education. Please note that veterinary medical students are able to request a one-time increase in financial aid to cover the cost of a computer and accessories (up to $2,000).

**Questions?**

Please contact IT Support by email at ITSupport@cvm.msu.edu or phone at 517-353-5551 if you have any questions about computer specifications.

If you have questions about financial aid, please contact the Medical Student Financial Aid Office.