

College of Liberal Arts, Information Technology

Mac Costs & Comparisons

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White MacBook 13"

5 pound standard-sized notebook

Expected lifespan is approximately 3 years

Base Cost for 2.26 GHz & 2 GB	\$	949.00
Warranty	\$	183.00
VGA Adapter	\$	29.00
Temple Software Advantage Fee	\$	90.00
Temple Computer Recycling Fee	\$	50.00

Total: \$ 1,301.00

CLA IT Standard MacBook Pro 13"

4.5 pound standard-sized notebook

Expected lifespan is approximately 3 years

Base Cost for 2.26 GHz & 2 GB	\$	1,099.00
Warranty	\$	183.00
VGA Adapter	\$	29.00
Temple Software Advantage Fee	\$	90.00
Temple Computer Recycling Fee	\$	50.00

Total: \$ 1,451.00



MacBook Pro 17"

Very large screen, 6.6 pound very large notebook

Expected lifespan is approximately 3 years

Base Cost for 2.8 GHz & 4 GB	\$	2,299.00
Warranty	\$	239.00
VGA Adapter	\$	29.00
Upgrade Hard Drive to 7200 RPM	\$	45.00
Temple Software Advantage Fee	\$	90.00
Temple Computer Recycling Fee	\$	50.00

Total: \$ 2,752.00



MacBook Pro 15"

Large screen, 5.5 pound large notebook

Expected lifespan is approximately 3 years

Base Cost for 2.5 GHz & 2 GB	\$	1,599.00
Warranty	\$	239.00
VGA Adapter	\$	29.00
Upgrade Hard Drive to 7200 RPM	\$	90.00
Temple Software Advantage Fee	\$	90.00
Temple Computer Recycling Fee	\$	50.00

Total: \$ 2,097.00



MacBook Air 15"

Very thin sub-notebook, 3 pounds, no optical drive

Expected lifespan is approximately 3 years

Base Cost for 2.1 GHz & 2 GB	\$	1,699.00
Warranty	\$	183.00
VGA Adapter	\$	29.00
Ethernet Adapter	\$	29.00
External CD/DVD Drive	\$	99.00
Temple Software Advantage Fee	\$	90.00
Temple Computer Recycling Fee	\$	50.00

Total: \$ 2,179.00

CLA IT Standard iMac 21.5" with 3.0 GHz CPU

Expected lifespan is approximately 3 years

Base Cost for 2.66 GHz & 4 GB	\$	1,149.00
Warranty	\$	119.00
Temple Software Advantage Fee	\$	90.00
Temple Computer Recycling Fee	\$	50.00

Total: \$ 1,408.00

***RECOMMENDED* CLA IT Standard**



iMac 27" Core2 Duo

Expected lifespan is approximately 3 years

Base Cost for 3.0 GHz & 4 GB	\$	1,599.00
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Nice Upgrade \$450 more than Standard

Warranty	\$	119.00
Temple Software Advantage Fee	\$	90.00
Temple Computer Recycling Fee	\$	50.00
Total:	\$	1,858.00

MacPro Quad Core

Expected lifespan is approximately 3 years

Base Cost for 2.66 GHz & 3 GB	\$	2,999.00
24" Display	\$	799.00
Warranty	\$	199.00
Temple Software Advantage Fee	\$	90.00
Temple Computer Recycling Fee	\$	50.00
Total:	\$	3,437.00



MacPro 8 Core

Expected lifespan is approximately 3 years

Base Cost for 2.2 GHz & 6 GB	\$	2,999.00
24" Display	\$	799.00
Warranty	\$	199.00
Temple Software Advantage Fee	\$	90.00
Temple Computer Recycling Fee	\$	50.00
Total:	\$	4,137.00



Mac Mini

Expected lifespan is approximately 3 years

Base Cost for 2.2 GHz & 120 GB	\$	549.00
Upgrade to 4 GB of RAM	\$	135.00
24" Display	\$	799.00
Keyboard and Mouse	\$	98.00
Warranty	\$	99.00
Temple Software Advantage Fee	\$	90.00
Temple Computer Recycling Fee	\$	50.00
Total:	\$	1,820.00

**Not Recommended
Poor Value**
Included Only for
Comparison Purposes



College Contributions for Primary Computer Purchase

	CLA Contribution		Complete Machine Cost		Cost Per Year		Top-Up Need to Purchase		
Laptops									
MacBook 13"	\$	1,301.00	\$	1,301.00	\$	433.67	None		
MacBook Pro 13"	\$	1,451.00	\$	1,451.00	\$	483.67	None		CLA IT Standard
MacBook Pro 15"	\$	1,451.00	\$	2,097.00	\$	699.00	\$	646.00	
MacBook Pro 17"	\$	1,451.00	\$	2,752.00	\$	917.33	\$	1,301.00	
MacBook Air 15"	\$	1,451.00	\$	2,179.00	\$	726.33	\$	728.00	
Desktops									
iMac 21.5"	\$	1,408.00	\$	1,408.00	\$	469.33	None		CLA IT Standard
iMac 27"	\$	1,408.00	\$	1,858.00	\$	619.33	\$	450.00	
Mac Mini	\$	1,408.00	\$	1,820.00	\$	606.67	\$	412.00	
MacPro Quad Core	\$	1,408.00	\$	3,437.00	\$	1,145.67	\$	2,029.00	
MacPro 8 Core	\$	1,408.00	\$	1,820.00	\$	606.67	\$	412.00	

CLA IT provides funding for the purchase of a single primary computer for each tenure/tenure-track faculty member. The standard Mac configuration provided is a 13" MacBook Pro or a 21.5" iMac. Additional computer(s) and/or upgrades can be acquired but top-up funding must be acquired. This funding can come from start-up/research funds, grants, overhead, or departmental funds.

Purchasing Arrangements

To discuss or arrange for the acquisition of technology, please see the technology purchases section at <http://www.temple.edu/clait/help/>. Please DO NOT purchase technology using personal funds as you can't be reimbursed for such purchases.

Definitions

The Temple Software Advantage Fee is a \$90.00 fee charged to all computer purchases to cover central licenses like MS Office, Anti-Virus, etc. See: <http://www.temple.edu/cs/business/softwareagreement.html> for more info on the software fee.

The Temple Computer Recycling Fee is a \$50.00 fee charged to all computer purchases so that all technology is properly recycled at end of life. See: http://www.temple.edu/cs/crc/fee_structure.htm for more info on the recycling fee.

Upgrading to a 7200 RPM hard drive is highly recommended as it is the bottleneck on all laptop computers speed-wise.

Upgrading to a solid state hard drive on the MacBook Air is highly recommended as the default 4200 RPM hard drive is extremely slow.

A VGA adapter is needed for a Mac laptop to display onto an external display or in a smart classroom. They are typically specific to each Mac model.

The Mac ships with a one year parts 90 day labor warranty. Upgrading the warranty to three years is a "requirement" for all machines purchased.

Temple's Apple pricing can be found online at <http://store.apple.com/1-800-800-APPL/WebObjects/HED>. Traditionally Apple offers only the standard academic discount unless a large (50+ unit) order is being placed.