

College of Liberal Arts Information Technology

Mac Costs & Comparisons

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Laptops

CLA Standard MacBook Pro 13"
4.5 pound standard-sized notebook
Expected lifespan is approximately 4+ years

Base Cost for 2.4 GHz & 4 GB	\$	1,099.00
Warranty	\$	183.00
VGA Adapter	\$	29.00
Upgrade to 128 GB SSD	\$	180.00
Temple Software Advantage Fee	\$	90.00
Temple Computer Recycling Fee	\$	50.00
Total:	\$	1,631.00

**College Standard
Recommended**



MacBook Pro 15"
Large screen, 5.6 pound large-sized notebook
Expected lifespan is approximately 4+ years

Base for 2.2 GHz Quad & 4 GB	\$	1,699.00
Warranty	\$	239.00
VGA Adapter	\$	29.00
Upgrade to 128 GB SSD	\$	180.00
Temple Software Advantage Fee	\$	90.00
Temple Computer Recycling Fee	\$	50.00
Total:	\$	2,287.00



MacBook Pro 17"
Very large screen, 6.6 pound very large-sized notebook
Expected lifespan is approximately 4+ years

Base for 2.4 GHz Quad & 4 GB	\$	2,299.00
Warranty	\$	239.00
VGA Adapter	\$	29.00
Upgrade to 128 GB SSD	\$	90.00
Temple Software Advantage Fee	\$	90.00
Temple Computer Recycling Fee	\$	50.00
Total:	\$	2,797.00

MacBook Air 13"
Very thin sub-notebook, 3.0 pounds, no optical drive
Expected lifespan is approximately 3+ years

Base for 1.7 GHz & 4 GB	\$	1,249.00
Warranty	\$	183.00
VGA Adapter	\$	29.00
Ethernet Adapter	\$	29.00
Temple Software Advantage Fee	\$	90.00
Temple Computer Recycling Fee	\$	50.00
Total:	\$	1,630.00



MacBook Air 11"
Very thin sub-notebook, 2.4 pounds, no optical drive
Expected lifespan is approximately 3+ years

Base for 1.66 GHz & 2 GB	\$	1,149.00
Upgrade to 1.8 GHz CPU	\$	135.00
Warranty	\$	183.00
VGA Adapter	\$	29.00
Ethernet Adapter	\$	29.00
Temple Software Advantage Fee	\$	90.00
Temple Computer Recycling Fee	\$	50.00



Total: \$ 1,665.00

White MacBook 13"

*Mid-sized notebook, 4.7 pounds
Expected lifespan is 3 years at best
Low specs and short lifespan make this ineligible for primary computer*

Listed For Comparison Purposes Only
Solid State Drives Not an Option

Base for 2.4 GHz & 2 GB	\$	899.00
Warranty	\$	183.00
VGA Adapter	\$	29.00
Upgrade to 4 GB RAM	\$	90.00
Temple Software Advantage Fee	\$	90.00
Temple Computer Recycling Fee	\$	50.00

Total: \$ 1,341.00



Desktops

iMac 21.5"

Expected lifespan is approximately 4+ years

College Standard
Recommended

Base for 2.7 GHz Quad & 4 GB	\$	1,399.00
256 GB Solid State Drive	\$	450.00
Warranty	\$	119.00
Temple Software Advantage Fee	\$	90.00
Temple Computer Recycling Fee	\$	50.00

Total: \$ 2,108.00



iMac 27"

Expected lifespan is approximately 4+ years

Nice Upgrade
Top-Up Needed

Base for 2.7 GHz Quad & 4 GB	\$	1,599.00
256 GB Solid State Drive	\$	450.00
Warranty	\$	119.00
Temple Software Advantage Fee	\$	90.00
Temple Computer Recycling Fee	\$	50.00

Total: \$ 2,308.00



MacPro Quad Core

Expected lifespan is approximately 4+ years

Base for 2.8 GHz & 3 GB	\$	2,299.00
27" Display	\$	949.00
Warranty	\$	199.00
Temple Software Advantage Fee	\$	90.00
Temple Computer Recycling Fee	\$	50.00

Total: \$ 3,587.00



MacPro 8 Core

Expected lifespan is approximately 4+ years

Base for 2.4 GHz & 6 GB	\$	3,199.00
27" Display	\$	949.00
Warranty	\$	199.00
Temple Software Advantage Fee	\$	90.00
Temple Computer Recycling Fee	\$	50.00

Total: \$ 4,487.00



Mac Mini

Expected lifespan is 3 years at best

Not Recommended
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Base for 2.5 GHz	\$	779.00
27" Display	\$	949.00
256 GB Solid State Drive	\$	540.00
Keyboard and Mouse	\$	98.00
Warranty	\$	99.00
Temple Software Advantage Fee	\$	90.00
Temple Computer Recycling Fee	\$	50.00

Total: \$ 2,605.00



College Contributions for Primary Computer Purchase

	CLA Contribution	Complete Machine Cost	Cost Per Year	Top-Up Needed to Purchase
Laptops				
MacBook Pro 13"	\$ 1,631.00	\$ 1,631.00	\$ 407.75	None
MacBook Pro 15"	\$ 1,631.00	\$ 2,287.00	\$ 571.75	\$ 656.00
MacBook Pro 17"	\$ 1,631.00	\$ 2,797.00	\$ 699.25	\$ 1,166.00
MacBook Air 13"	\$ 1,630.00	\$ 1,630.00	\$ 407.50	None
MacBook Air 11"	\$ 1,631.00	\$ 1,665.00	\$ 555.00	\$ 34.00
MacBook 13"	N/A	\$ 1,341.00	\$ 447.00	N/A
Desktops				
iMac 21.5"	\$ 1,408.00	\$ 2,108.00	\$ 527.00	None
iMac 27"	\$ 1,408.00	\$ 2,308.00	\$ 577.00	\$ 900.00
MacPro Quad Core	\$ 1,408.00	\$ 3,587.00	\$ 896.75	\$ 2,179.00
MacPro 8 Core	\$ 1,408.00	\$ 4,487.00	\$ 1,121.75	\$ 3,079.00
Mac Mini	N/A	\$ 2,605.00	\$ 868.33	N/A
Add-On Software from Apple				
iLife 2011	\$ 29.00			All titles listed here require top-up. None are provided by the college. However, the college does provide MS Office, anti-virus, most Adobe suite titles (via concurrent licensing), and EndNote.
iWork 2011	\$ 39.00			
VMWare Fusion (to run Windows)	\$ 49.95			
Final Cut Express	Discontinued			
Final Cut Pro X	\$ 299.00			Note: When new versions of these titles are released, there are no "upgrade" discounts. The title must be re-purchased.
Aperture 3	\$ 69.00			

Details on Funding and Purchase Process

Background

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 MacBook Pro or a 21.5" iMac. Additional computer(s) and/or upgrades can be acquired, but only through top-up funding. This funding can come from start-up/research funds, grants, overhead, or departmental funds.

To discuss or arrange for the acquisition of technology, please contact Marc Getty at marc.getty@temple.edu or 215-962-5603. Please DO NOT purchase computers or software using personal funds, because 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 such as MS Office, Anti-Virus, etc.

The Temple Computer Recycling Fee is a \$50.00 fee charged to all computer purchases so that the technology is properly recycled at its end of life.

See http://www.temple.edu/cs/business/procurement_fees.html for more information on the software and recycling fees.

An upgrade to a solid state hard drive on most machines is required to maintain minimal performance expectations.

A VGA adapter is needed for a Mac to display onto an external display or in a smart classroom. They are usually 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.

Timeline

Depending on the source of funding, it can take from a few hours to complete the approval process to get a PO issued to Apple.

Once a PO is received by Apple they typically ship in "3-5 business days" (not as fast as consumer purchases).

Most Apple portables ship directly from Shanghai, China, and take 6-10 business days to ship, on top of 3-5 day turn-around time.

Most Apple desktops and software ship from the east coast and take 2-4 business days to ship, on top of the 3-5 days turn-around time.

There are occasionally back-orders that delay receipt longer than what is detailed above, but that happens less than 10% of the time.

Policy on Home Equipment

Equipment and furniture bought with university funds or from a start-up account shall remain on campus at the active access of the faculty member from whose account the purchase is made. Equipment that is portable (i.e. laptop computers, hand-held communications devices, etc.) can be transported away from campus for use by the faculty member. All equipment bought with university funds, whether an item permanently installed in a campus location or a portable device, is the property of Temple University.

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<http://www.temple.edu/cla/policies/>