

Technology FAQ

Do I need to bring a computer to school with me?

Yes, the Walton College requires all new students to have a laptop to complete class assignments, personal and team projects, in-class learning activities, and exams. Below are the minimum specifications that will ensure you have enough processing power to complete these tasks.

Recommended Minimum Specifications:

Processor	Intel Ultra 5, AMD Ryzen 5, Apple M1 or newer
Memory	16GB recommended
Storage	256gb or more
Operating System	Windows 11 or Mac Tahoe
Battery Life	Up to 10 hours
Wi-Fi	802.11ac or later standard
Warranty	Accidental damage coverage (at least four years)

At a minimum, you should have a newer laptop with a warranty and good battery life. A webcam is often required for taking exams, so it helps to have a laptop with one built in. The warranty with accidental damage coverage helps to ensure that you will have a working computer for the duration of your time on campus.

Should I purchase a PC or Mac?

Either will be fine, but we do recommend a PC as that is what is most used in the business world and provides the better learning experience for moving into those types of jobs. Please note that Chromebooks and iPads do not meet the requirements for the college.

Do I have to purchase the software I need?

Not usually. Campus provides software from Microsoft that should provide your application needs for at least your first year. Check out both links as soon as you have validated your UA login for Microsoft.
<http://Office365.uark.edu>.

Where can I store my files, and what about backup?

Microsoft applications include OneDrive for file storage. See here for more information:
<https://its.uark.edu/communication-collaboration/file-storage/about-onedrive.php>

How to connect to the wireless network?

You should connect to UARK WiFi using your UARK username and password.
<https://its.uark.edu/network-access/wifi/>

Who can help me if I have technology questions?

You can stop by the help desk in the Arkansas Union or call the IT Help Desk at 479-575-2905.

For more information, please visit the [UARK Information Technology Services website](#).