

Academic Computing Guide

Information for new students

The Information Technology department at Syracuse University College of Law provides computer and technical support for College of Law students, faculty, and staff.

Laptop Computer Requirement

- Syracuse University College of Law (COL) requires students to have a laptop computer and to keep it in good working order. Students often use laptops in the classroom and AirOrangeX, Syracuse University's wireless network, is available throughout the COL. You will use your laptop heavily throughout your law school career. ExamSoft's Exemplify software is used for many exams at the COL, and you'll use your laptop for this process also. While tablet devices running Apple iOS, Google Android, and ChromeBooks might be useful for law students, they do not meet the laptop computer requirement.

Computer Skills

- Computer skills are essential in the legal profession. At the COL, you will receive training as a first year student in the web-based versions of Westlaw, Lexis, and Bloomberg research tools. You'll also need to be familiar with Microsoft Office, which includes Word, Excel and PowerPoint, as well as internet browsers, and email.

Recommended Laptop Configuration

- The Syracuse University Bookstore can provide you with laptop information, including minimum requirements. Any laptop, PC or Intel-based Mac, purchased within the last two years, will satisfy the COL requirements. As mentioned above, Microsoft Office is commonly used at the COL, and is available at no cost for all matriculated students.

Supported Platforms

- Both PCs running Windows 10 and Macs running OS 10.11 or higher are supported at the COL. PCs must have a genuine, U.S.-English versions of Windows Operating System installed. Windows RT, XP, Mac OS X 10.8 (Mountain Lion) and below, Chromebooks and Linux platforms are not supported at the COL.

Use of Laptops in Classrooms

- Laptops may be used anywhere in the COL. Electrical outlets for laptops are available in classrooms, study rooms, the law library, and the hallways. You should obtain approval from your professors regarding the use of a laptop during class time.

Email

- As a newly admitted law student, you'll be assigned an official email address once you have activated your NetID. You will receive further information about these, including

account name, password and guidelines for use. While we recognize that many students already use one or more commercial email accounts, your University provided email will be the primary means of communication at the COL.

Remote Access

- You will have access to campus systems, your saved files, as well as Westlaw, Lexis and Bloomberg research tools, from your residence or other locations with internet access by means of a remote access process. Additional information will be provided with your orientation materials.