Academic Computing

Syracuse University College of Law
Information Technology and Support Services

The Information Technology and Support Services departments provide computer and technical support for the College of Law students, faculty, and staff. Support Services also provides photocopying and mail services.

- ## 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 Examplify software is used in many exams at the COL, and you will use your laptop for this process also.

  While tablet devices running Apple iOS or Google Android are 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 will also need to be familiar with Microsoft Office, which includes Word, Excel and PowerPoint, as well as internet web 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 and Macs, including the latest operating systems (Windows 10 and Sierra), are supported at the COL. Only genuine, U.S.-English, French, Portuguese, Swedish, and British versions of Windows Operating Systems are supported

  Windows S, 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 the Classrooms**
  Laptops may be used anywhere in the COL. Electrical outlets for laptops are available in classrooms, study rooms and the law library. 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.

- **Mail and Photocopying**
  Access to photocopiers will be made available during your first week at the COL. Interdepartmental mail and packages delivered by common carriers for student organizations or for official school business are handled through the Support Services department. Personal mail should be directed to your residence address. There is a US Postal Service mail drop for outgoing mail.