

SYRACUSE LAW

Office of Admissions and Financial Aid

Cost of Attendance Adjustment Request for Laptop Purchase

Syracuse University College of Law requires all law students to own a laptop computer. You may need to utilize personal financial resources for the purchase of a computer **before** Orientation if you do not own a laptop computer or if your current laptop computer does not meet the required specifications (see reverse). **Early educational loan disbursements are not available for the purchase of your computer before Orientation.** All financial aid, including student loans, is disbursed at the beginning of each semester and will not be available to students until 5-10 business days after the first day of class.

The standard cost of attendance for the academic year does not include the cost of purchasing a new laptop computer. However, personal expenses within the cost of attendance components have proven to vary from student to student and you may not need to borrow additional student loans in excess to cover the purchase of your computer. *Students are strongly encouraged to minimize educational loan debt by utilizing personal resources and reducing expenses whenever possible.*

The maximum **one-time** budget adjustment for the computer purchase is **\$1,700**. To request a computer budget adjustment please complete the section below and attach receipts, as proof of purchase, to verify the cost you incurred to purchase a computer.

I have purchased a new laptop computer and request a budget adjustment of: \$ _____

(Please attach a scanned or copied receipt as proof of purchase to document your request)

Student Name: _____

Syracuse University ID Number: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Please mail this form to:

Syracuse Law Office of Financial Aid
Dineen Hall, Cole Suite 100
Syracuse, NY 13244

Or send this information via email to:

financialaid@law.syr.edu

Budget adjustment approvals are at the discretion of the Director of Financial Aid and upon approval will be reflected in your maximum loan eligibility. To qualify for a budget adjustment, computer purchases must be made by entering law students after May 1.

Please contact the College of Law Office of Financial Aid at (315) 443-1962 or via email at financialaid@law.syr.edu if you have questions regarding the budget.

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Check your tech requirements for online learning:

- **Hardware:**
 - Computer (see specific recommendations below)
 - printer
 - scanner
 - webcam (internal or external)
 - headset with microphone (any compatible style to use during live sessions)
 - telephone (landline or cell phone with strong service)
- **Internet Connection:**

You will need a broadband internet connection with the following minimum speeds:

 - Minimum download speed: 5 Mbps
 - Minimum upload speed: 3 Mbps

Note: Test your internet speed at www.speedtest.net. If your connection does not reach these requirements, please contact your ISP.
- **Software:**
 - ExamSoft
 - Provided by the College of Law
 - Microsoft Office
 - The Microsoft Office Suite can be accessed at no cost to you while you are an active student at Syracuse University

Laptop Computer Requirements

The College of Law requires each student to have a laptop computer and to keep it in good working order. While tablet devices such as an iPad running Apple's iOS or devices running Google Android are useful devices for note taking, they should not be your only computing device as not all work for law school can be done on tablets/mobile devices. Chromebooks and Linux platforms are not supported.

Most modern laptop computers (i.e. purchased within the last 2-3 years) are acceptable. Your computer must meet the following minimum system requirements:

- **a. Windows Operating System**
- Windows 10 (32-bit and 64-bit versions) required
 - Genuine, U.S.-English versions only
- The following operating systems and versions are **not** acceptable
 - Windows RT
 - Windows 10 S
 - Virtual Machine
 - Parallels
 - VMware Fusion
 - Other virtual environments
 - Tablet devices not supported other than Surface Pro as detailed below
- CPU Processor: 2.0 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo or greater
- RAM: 2 GB minimum recommended for the operating system
- Hard drive: 20 GB minimum of available space

- Screen resolution of 1024 x 768 minimum
- Administrator level account permissions
 - Account passwords, including BitLocker keys, may be required for technical troubleshooting

b. Surface Pro minimum requirements:

- Supported Machines
 - Surface Pro
 - Surface Books
 - Surface Laptop devices
- Must run a supported Operating System (See PC Requirements above)
- An external keyboard (USB or Bluetooth) is required
- Hard Drive: 20 GB minimum available space
- Screen resolution of **1920 x 1080** minimum
- Administrator level account permissions

c. Mac OS

- Operating systems supported:
 - Mac OS 10.13 High Sierra
 - Mac OS 10.14 - Mojave
 - Mac OS 10.15 - Catalina
- The following operating systems and versions are **not** acceptable
 - Mac OS X
 - Parallels
 - VMware Fusion
 - Other virtual environments
- CPU Processor: Intel processor
- RAM: 2 GB minimum
- Hard drive: 20 GB minimum available space
- Screen Resolution of **1024 x 768** minimum
- Administrator level account permissions