University at Albany Laptop Program

Laptops are required for in-class instructional purposes in many CEAS courses. Laptops will be used to solve problems, collaborate, discuss applications of engineering, and work on engineering projects. The College of Engineering and Applied Sciences at the University at Albany has collaborated with the UAlbany Information Technology Services (ITS) in establishing academic purchase programs with Dell and Apple which allow students to purchase laptops at special savings.

Since laptops are required in many CEAS classes, our students need to factor the purchase cost of a laptop into the total educational expenses. Questions about financial aid should be directed to the Financial Aid office. Please contact your department with any questions about the program: https://www.albany.edu/ceas.

Technology Discounts for Computers

Sign into your MyUAlbany portal (https://www.albany.edu/myualbany). Scroll down to the Technology Resources menu on the left side of the screen. You will see links to Apple Store for Education, Dell University Laptop Program, as well as other technology resources.

Minimum Configurations

CEAS suggests that a minimum configuration would consist of an i5 Intel processor, with 8 GB of main memory, and at least 500 GB HDD. A recommended configuration would include an i7 Intel processor, 16 GB of main memory and 1 TB HDD or 512GB SSD. Likewise, CEAS suggests you consider protecting your purchase with AppleCare (for Apple) or Accidental Damage Service (for Dell) for at least 3 years.

Software Available to UAlbany Students

Also in the Technology Resources section of MyUAlbany is a link to software that is available to our University community (including Office365). MatLab Simulink is an example of software that CEAS students will need in some of their computer science or engineering classes. And all you have to do is download it!

For more information about technology discounts, visit the Technology Resources section mentioned above or contact the ITS Help Desk at (518) 442-3700.