UGACVM Student Laptop Requirement

Students in the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine's DVM program are required to have a Mac laptop computer that is able to connect to the campus wireless network and run both browser-based and installed applications.

Examples of educational activities that involve use of laptops include:

- Viewing high resolution images and digital slides
- Submitting assignments and taking electronic exams using secure testing software (ExamSoft)
- Accessing electronic course documentation, class scheduling, and evaluation systems
- Viewing recorded lectures and other multi---media content (Echo360, iBooks)

The educational content/software used by the UGA College of Vet Med is best run on macOS, so incoming veterinary students are required to have a Mac laptop that meets the following minimum requirements:

Minimum Laptop Requirements

Operating System	macOS 10.11 or above
Screen Size	12'' or larger
Hard Drive	128GB
RAM	4GB
Processor	Intel processor

While the above are the minimum requirements, the ***recommended*** models below will meet or exceed several of these requirements and can be purchased at an educational discount from the online UGA Apple Store, or locally at the UGA Bookstore:

13-inch MacBook Air

13-inch MacBook Pro

Recommendations

- A faster processor, such as an i5 or i7, as well as 8GB of RAM or more will increase speed and help with multitasking
- A 256GB hard drive or larger will allow for more flexibility and provide more storage space for documents, photos, videos and apps
- You will be viewing detailed images on your laptop, so get the largest and highest resolution screen your budget allows. 13'' or larger recommended
- AppleCare extended 3-year warranty for new laptop purchases is recommended
- Our auditoriums, meetings rooms, and interactive learning laboratories use VGA and HDMI inputs. An AV adaptor that allows your Mac laptop to connect to both is advantageous

*While tablets are useful and convenient in many ways, iPads are not compatible with several required software applications we use in the DVM program and cannot be substituted for a Mac laptop.

If you have an existing laptop and you have questions about whether it will suffice, or have any other related IT questions, you can call the Vet Med IT Helpdesk at 706-542-5124 or email chipw@uga.edu

If you are purchasing a new laptop, there is a financial aid option specifically for aiding with the cost of new computer and related purchases: https://osfa.uga.edu/sites/default/files/103.pdf

Free Microsoft Office Software for Students

As a UGA student, you have access to free Office 365 ProPlus software for up to 5 devices (Mac/Windows/mobile) through your UGAMail account. Details can be found here:

http://eits.uga.edu/email_and_calendar/office365/download_office_proplus/