

Student Desktops

Below are the UCCS Information Technology recommendations for PC Desktops. While desktops are not portable, they are the best choice for power and longevity. Desktops are also easier to upgrade when the time comes. However, a desktop can make a dorm room feel even smaller once setup. Desktops are best for a student who requires more power out of their computer. PC Desktops usually range in price from \$600 - \$3,000.

Hardware	Minimum Recommendation	High Performance
CPU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intel Core 2 Duo 3.0GHz (or AMD equivalent) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intel Core i7-940 2.93GHz
Monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19" Widescreen LCD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22" LCD Widescreen
RAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 GB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 GB
Hard Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 160 GB, 5400 RPM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 250 GB, 7200 RPM
Video Card	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graphics Card w/ 256 MB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graphics Card w/ 512 MB
Physical Network Connection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10/100/1000 Network Card 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10/100/1000 Network Card
Wireless Network Connection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Warranty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 years parts and labor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 years parts and labor
Battery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary battery okay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended life battery
Ports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USB 2.0 Firewire (optional) eSATA (optional) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USB 2.0 Firewire (optional) eSATA (optional)

Audio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal sound card • Internal speakers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal sound card • Internal speakers
External Storage (OPTIONAL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Network Storage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Network Storage
Software	Minimum Recommendation	High Performance
Operating System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows Vista, Home Premium (or better), w/SP1 • NOTE: Mainstream support for Windows XP ends in 2009. It is highly recommended that you use Windows Vista. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows Vista, Home Premium (or better), w/SP1, 64-bit • NOTE: Mainstream support for Windows XP ends in 2009. It is highly recommended that you use Windows Vista.
Productivity Tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office 200 • Free Productivity Suites can be used however they are not supported and it is the responsibility of the student to ensure compatibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office 200 • Free Productivity Suites can be used however they are not supported and it is the responsibility of the student to ensure compatibility
Web Browser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet Explorer 7 • Firefox 3.X 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet Explorer 7 • Firefox 3.X
E-mail Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Webmail (Hyperlink) ○ Outlook 2007 ○ Thunderbird 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Webmail (Hyperlink) ○ Outlook 2007 ○ Thunderbird
Antivirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please visit the following website for more on anti-virus protection: http://www.uccs.edu/~helpdesk/antivirus.htm 	

Anti-Spyware	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please visit the following website for more on anti-spyware protection: http://www.uccs.edu/~helpdesk/antispy.htm
Persistent Agent	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Required for Wireless• Please see the following page for information on secure wireless setup: http://www.uccs.edu/~helpdesk/wireless.htm