Recommended Macintosh Computers

The following recommended configurations are for existing and newly purchased Apple computers. We make these recommendations because lesser machines may not work with Brown services and CIS cannot easily support systems that are no longer supported by hardware and software vendors.

Macintosh Desktops

**Recommended Desktop Specifications**

- Dual-core Intel Core i5 or quad-core Intel Core i7
- 8GB RAM or greater
- Retina Display
- SSD or Fusion Drive
- macOS 10.14 Mojave

**Minimum Desktop Specifications**

The **MINIMUM** Service Desk supported specifications for this semester are:

- i3 or greater processor
- 4GB RAM
- 128GB HDD
- Ethernet
- macOS 10.12 Sierra

**Recommended Apple Desktop Models**

**Mac Mini**

Small form factor desktop requires limited desktop space. Assumes the user has monitor and USB keyboard and mouse. Low-cost with limited internal expandability.

- Quad-core Intel Core i3
- 8GB RAM
- 256GB SSD
AppleCare strongly advised for personal purchases

**iMac**

Power desktop requires minimal desktop space. Ample storage.

- Quad-core Intel Core i5
- 8GB RAM
- 21.5-inch Retina 4K Display
- 256GB SSD or 1TB Fusion Drive
- Apple Magic Mouse 2
- Apple Magic Keyboard

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**Macintosh Laptops**

**Recommended Laptop Specifications**

- Dual-core Intel Core i5 or quad-core Intel Core i7
- 8GB RAM or greater
- 256GB SSD
- Thunderbolt display adapter
- Current macOS

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- 4GB RAM
- 128GB HDD
- macOS 10.12 Sierra

**Recommended Apple Laptop Models**

**15” MacBook Pro with Touch Bar**

Desktop replacement with widescreen display.

- 15” MacBook Pro with Retina display
- Quad-core Intel Core i7
- 16GB RAM
- 256GB SSD

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**13” MacBook Pro**

Low-priced, lightweight, and convenient.

- 13” MacBook Pro
- Dual-Core Intel Core i5
- 8GB RAM
• 256GB SSD

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