

Student Technology Recommendations

Spelman College does not require students to bring their own computers; however access to and ongoing use of a computer is required for all students. The Spelman College academic computing environment includes general use and discipline-specific computer labs. General use labs are open to all students, regardless of discipline. The main general computing lab, which is located in Science Center 230 operates on a 24-hour schedule Monday-Friday and closes at 12 midnight on weekends. During the weeks of reading period and finals, hours for general use labs are extended based on usage and requests.

If you *have* purchased a new computer within the last 18 months, your computer will most likely be adequate. Both Mac and Windows operating systems are supported. Below are the recommended hardware and software requirements.

Hardware & Operating System

Windows

Operating System: Windows 7 or 8

CPU/Processor: Minimum i5

RAM/Memory: 8GB

Hard Drive: 500GB

Internet Access: Wireless and Ethernet

Dell: <http://dell.com/spelman>

Mac

Operating System: Minimum OS 10.6 or higher

CPU/Processor: Minimum 2.5GHz

RAM/Memory: 8GB

Hard Drive: 512G Flash or 500GB

Internet Access: Wireless and Ethernet

Apple: http://www.apple.com/us_edu_344194/shop

Software

- Anti-Virus, Spyware, Malware Protection: McAfee Anti-virus is provided *at no cost* to Spelman students for both Macs and PCs. The download link is available via the my.Spelman Student portal.
- Adobe Acrobat Reader
- Web browser: Firefox is required and either Safari or Chrome is recommended
- Multimedia Plug-ins: QuickTime; Silverlight Windows Media Player; Shockwave and Flash Plug-ins
- Microsoft Office: *There is no need to purchase Microsoft Office before you arrive.* You are licensed for MS Office 2013 Professional for Windows or MS Office 2011 for MAC through the Office 365 Student Advantage program. Available August 11, 2015 via the my.Spelman Student portal.

Email

Students are assigned Spelman College Google email accounts. All official Spelman College email is sent to this account.

Also Available: Ethernet, USB and TV Cables for \$5 each

Locations:

- Cosby Lobby during New Student Check-in weekend
- First-year Residence Halls during New Student Check-in weekend
- MIT Service Desk: Science Center Room 201

Miscellaneous

While the following are not required for connection to Spelman's network, it is strongly recommended that you have easy access to these items.

- Surge protector or uninterruptable power supply
- System restore software, including operating system disk and license information
- Device drivers (software that comes with your network card, printer, etc.)
- Installation disks for any software you have added to your computer

Questions or Need Help with Technology? Visit the Student Technology Assistance Center (STAC) in Lower Manley. **During New Student Check-in weekend, STAC students will be posted in residence halls to support students.**