Wellesley strongly recommends that each student bring a laptop with the following specifications:

- Operating system: Windows 7 or 8.1, 64-bit; or Mac OS X 10.9
- Memory: 8 GB or more of RAM
- Processor: 2.4 GHz or higher
- Hard drive: 500 GB (or larger) hard drive, or 256GB (or larger) SSD
- Wireless (WiFi): 802.11n, dual band (2.4Ghz & 5Ghz)
- External hard drive for backups (at least 2x size of hard drive or SSD)
  - Google Drive provides 30GB of free storage space.
- Four year warranty that covers both manufacturer and accidental damage

What else to bring:

- All documentation and discs that came with your computer
  - The College can not provide these if your computer has to be reset to factory settings
  - Many computers come with factory restore software on the hard drive
- Laptop case or sleeve for protection
- Cable lock to secure laptop to a table or desk
- Surge protector

What not to bring:

- Wireless router or access point; wireless access is provided in buildings on campus
- Wireless printer. Bring a USB cable to connect if you bring a personal printer. Student printing is available in all libraries and select academic buildings.

Get connected on campus fast

Check out these tips for getting online fast when you arrive: www.wellesley.edu/esp/entering/tech

Student discounts for software, computers, and accessories

Student discount information can be found at www.wellesley.edu/lts/techsupport/purchase
The Wellesley College Bookstore stocks security locks and other computer accessories.

Where can I get more information about campus technology?

- E-mail your questions to helpdesk@wellesley.edu
- Call the Computing Help Desk at (781) 283-7777, Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm.

Got this on paper? For the most up-to-date version of this guide (updated each spring and into the summer), search the Wellesley College web site for “computer purchase guide”