



Important Information About Technology at Saint Mary's College



ResNet Computer Specifications for Undergraduate Students

Recommended for Macs:

- macOS version 10.12 or later
- Intel Core 2 Duo processor (includes older MacBooks and MacBook Pros)
or an Intel i5/i7 processor (includes current MacBook Airls and MacBook Pros)
- 4GB RAM or more
- 256GB hard drive or larger
- 802.11 n/ac wireless network capability
- Microsoft Office 2016 or 2019

Recommended for Windows:

- Windows 10 Home **or** Windows 10 Pro
or Windows 8 **or** Windows 8 Pro
- 2GHz processor or greater, 2-core
- 4GB RAM or more
- 256GB hard drive or larger
- 802.11 n/ac wireless network capability
- Microsoft Office 2016 or 2019

Information for Devices:

All televisions, Apple TVs, and gaming stations must be connected via Ethernet for Internet access.

What about tablets?

Devices such as Apple's iPad and Amazon's Kindle Fire should be viewed as complements to a student's computer, rather than as a computer replacement. ResNet provides assistance with iOS devices (iPhones and iPads).

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Technology resources have become an integral part of higher education, and students at Saint Mary's College have access to a wide variety of technology resources and support. ResNet refers to the team that provides technology support to students at Saint Mary's College. ResNet support is available to assist any student who requests our help with technology during the academic year.

Our ResNet website at <http://www.saintmarys.edu/resnet> will provide you with all of the computing information a student needs about our campus network. Our *2020/2021 Student's Guide to Bringing a Computer to Saint Mary's College* is available for download on the website. The guide will be very useful as you select a computer that will be an important academic and personal tool over the next four years. The guide includes a list of frequently asked questions and answers about technology resources on campus. ResNet can also address your individual questions about what type of computer will best meet your personal and academic needs.

We strongly recommend that students wait to purchase a computer until you receive computer purchasing information from ResNet, which will be sent out in July. At that time we will be able to offer our computer recommendations for specific current Apple and Lenovo models to help make your purchasing decisions easier, and you will be able to take advantage of new computer models, educational discounts, and special "Back to School" sales our vendors offer during the summer.

Saint Mary's College offers Microsoft Office 365 ProPlus for Students for free to our students. Office 365 ProPlus offers full versions of current Microsoft Office software that can be installed on students' personally-owned devices. Students must show their Saint Mary's ID card to verify their eligibility for this program and sign an agreement to obtain the license. After a license has been assigned, a Saint Mary's student can install current versions of Microsoft Office software on up to five personally-owned computers and five personally-owned mobile devices. The Microsoft Office 365 ProPlus for Students license will expire automatically 30 days after a student's active affiliation with Saint Mary's College ends (this includes graduation).

To Contact ResNet:

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ResNet at Saint Mary's College provides:

- 🔊 Wired and wireless network and Internet connections for every student living in the residence halls.
- 🔊 802.11n/ac wireless network and Internet access in all of the residence halls.
- 🔊 Detailed instructions for connecting to the network.
- 🔊 Free virus protection software for your personal computer (Bitdefender security software for Mac and Windows computers).
- 🔊 Free licenses of Microsoft Office 365 ProPlus for Students (includes Word, Excel, and PowerPoint). Office 365 ProPlus offers full versions of current Microsoft Office software that can be installed on students' personally-owned computers and mobile devices.
- 🔊 ResNet Computer Consultants (RCCs) who are available to assist with connecting your computer to the network and other basic technology questions. RCCs will also assist students with the removal of malware infecting their computers.
- 🔊 The ResNet Office and the ResNet Helpline, which are staffed in the afternoons and evenings during the academic year by RCCs six days a week for immediate troubleshooting assistance. No appointments are necessary.

Saint Mary's College and Information Technology also provide students with:

- 🔊 A Saint Mary's e-mail account that is accessible from any computer (and many mobile devices) with access to the Internet.
- 🔊 Access to Google's G Suite for Education for communication and collaboration tools, with unlimited cloud storage for e-mail and Google Drive.
- 🔊 Microsoft Office 365 ProPlus for Students licenses provided for free to our students. Office 365 ProPlus offers full versions of current Microsoft Office software that can be installed on students' personally-owned computers and mobile devices.
- 🔊 Disk space on our network (referred to as a "personal network drive"), where students can save their files. This space is accessible from any networked computer on campus, eliminating the need to carry flash drives or other media across campus from computer to computer. This network space is also backed up by Information Technology every night, which makes it a secure place for important papers and other files.
- 🔊 Wireless network and Internet access in all of our academic buildings (including classrooms).
- 🔊 Over 300 computers in our campus computer clusters - areas with networked Mac and Windows computers that have many popular and course-specific software packages installed on them. Any Saint Mary's student can use the computers in the clusters, and there are clusters available in the library, classroom buildings, and each residence hall. Many of these computers are available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Even if they own a personal computer, students will often work in the computer clusters because of the software and hardware available. The clusters also provide a study space away from the distractions of a residence hall room.

Both Mac and Windows computers can be connected to our network if they meet the requirements listed in our *Student's Guide to Bringing a Computer to Saint Mary's College*, and they are equally supported on campus. Approximately 72% of students on ResNet had a Mac and 28% had a computer running Windows during the 2019/2020 academic year.

Computers with unsupported operating systems may not be able to connect to the BelleNet network in the residence halls, access Saint Mary's e-mail, or use features of Google's G Suite for Education. Netbooks (including Chromebooks), low-end computers, and older computers could be affected. These computers typically are also unable to install Microsoft Office, Respondus LockDown Browser, and other course-related software.

ResNet is unable to perform hardware repairs for students, regardless of the brand or model of device.

If you have questions about purchasing a computer for Saint Mary's College or the available technology resources for students on campus, please do not hesitate to contact me for assistance. I look forward to seeing you on campus this fall!

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Incoming students interested in working as a Cluster Consultant on campus should visit <http://fixit.saintmarys.edu/applications> to review the position description and complete an application.