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At The University of Mississippi, whether you're registering for classes, checking grades or accepting financial aid, online is the place to be. With wired and wireless connectivity in every residence hall and available across campus, students can log on and utilize Web-based library catalogs, student services and Blackboard's course management software. IT makes taking part in college life more convenient than ever.

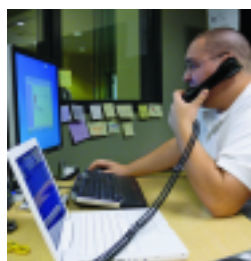


What's IT?

The Office of Information Technology (IT) manages many campus technology services, including the university's enterprisewide computing facilities and the campus network. The Mississippi Center for Supercomputing Research (MCSR) is located on the UM campus and operated under IT's authority. IT also manages the Galtney Center for Academic Computing, located in Weir Hall next to the J.D. Williams Library, a central hub for student computing on campus.

Galtney Center for Academic Computing

The IT Helpdesk, Helpdesk Store, IT Labs, IT Media and the Faculty Technology Development Center are located in the Galtney Center for Academic Computing. This facility offers wireless access and numerous hard-wired network ports throughout the building and even outside in the patio area.



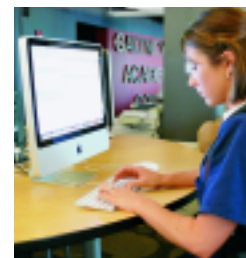
Need Help?

The **IT Helpdesk**, centrally located in Weir Hall, is open **Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** We're happy to assist anyone in the university community with issues related to software, hardware and networking. We provide support

for e-mail, Web pages and other applications that run on the university's campuswide systems. Come by or call us at **662-915-5222**. Visit www.olemiss.edu/helpdesk for more information.

Compute in Comfort

The **IT Labs** are the only general usage labs on campus and provide a **wide range of computers and software** for students to use. The main lab has PCs, Macs, printers, scanners and a copy machine. The **warm and spacious** design makes it a great place to visit, whether you're checking e-mail between classes or pulling an all-nighter for an assignment.



See www.olemiss.edu/itlabs for current hours and a list of the available software and equipment.

High-Tech Homework

The IT Labs also offer a small **high-end multimedia lab** for student use. The room features five PCs and a Mac with video-editing hardware and software, and a projector and screen. Students can work together here to produce and rehearse class presentations. Visit www.olemiss.edu/itlabs to reserve the lab.

You've Definitely Got E-mail

The [olemiss.edu](http://www.olemiss.edu) address is the primary means of communicating **important messages** from the administration and faculty to students. Users can forward e-mail sent to this address to another account, if necessary, but university-generated messages will not be sent directly to other accounts.

MINIMUM SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

While not a campuswide requirement, many students consider having a personal computer extremely helpful in completing course work and utilizing the university's online services. Some academic departments have specific technological requirements for students (see www.olemiss.edu/online/specs for more information).

The following guidelines for purchasing a new computer are valid as of May 1, 2009. For questions about how well your current system will work, call the IT Helpdesk at **662-915-5222**.

Mac Minimum System Recommendations

LAPTOP

Processor: Intel Core 2 Duo
RAM: 2 GB
Display: 13"
Hard Drive: 160 GB
CD-ROM Drive: SuperDrive (DVD±RW/CD-RW)
Wireless Networking: AirPort Extreme built-in
Additional Storage: USB memory key (aka flash drive)
Operating System: MacOS X
Software: Microsoft Office
(e-academy www.olemiss.edu/online/software)
Login requires UM WebID

DESKTOP

Processor: iMac Intel Core 2 Duo
RAM: 2 GB
Display: 20" widescreen LCD
Hard Drive: 320 GB
CD-ROM Drive: SuperDrive (DVD±RW/CD-RW)
Additional Storage: USB memory key (aka flash drive)
Operating System: MacOS X
Software: Microsoft Office
(e-academy www.olemiss.edu/online/software)
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LAPTOP**Processor:** Intel Core 2 Duo**RAM:** 2 GB**Video Card:** 128 MB minimum**Monitor:** 14" Active Matrix**Hard Drive:** 80 GB or larger**CD-ROM Drive:** DVD±RW/CD-RW**Additional Storage:** USB memory key
(aka flash drive)**Operating System:** Windows XP
Professional or Vista**Battery:** Lithium-Ion**Network Card:** 10/100 Ethernet card**Wireless:** 802.11 (optional)**Software:** Microsoft Office Pro Plus 2007
(e-academy www.olemiss.edu/online/software)**Login requires UM WebID****DESKTOP****Processor:** Intel Core 2 Duo**RAM:** 2 GB**Video Card:** 128 MB minimum**Monitor:** 17"**Hard Drive:** 160 GB**CD-ROM Drive:** DVD±RW/CD-RW**Additional Storage:** USB memory key
(aka flash drive)**Operating System:** Windows XP
Professional or Vista**Sound Card:** SoundBlaster compatible
w/speakers**Network Card:** 10/100 Ethernet card**Software:** Microsoft Office Pro Plus 2007
(e-academy www.olemiss.edu/online/software)**Login requires UM WebID**Office of Information Technology
www.olemiss.edu/depts/it**Helpful
Accessories**

While you can print at the Galtney Center for a small fee, having your own **printer** is a

great convenience. Additionally, a **USB memory key** (also known as a flash drive) comes in handy for storage and file transfer.

Shop Here First

The University of Mississippi has arrangements with several vendors to offer **tech products** to students, faculty and staff at reduced prices. One of these is e-academy, Inc., where a student can purchase software such as Microsoft Office at about a fifth of the regular retail price. Visit the Helpdesk Store in Weir Hall or online at **hdstore.olemiss.edu** for Apple products and basic accessories like network cables. More vendor partners are listed at **www.olemiss.edu/computers**.

Another "Bit" of Info

The University of Mississippi is a very connected place, so it's not hard to find high-speed, reliable network access 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Wireless access is available in all residence halls, the library, Student Union and several other buildings across campus.

WHERE ON THE UM WEB IS...**The University of Mississippi****Home Page** www.olemiss.edu (Current Students link)**WebMail** <https://webmail.olemiss.edu>**Grades, Registration
and Other Services** my.olemiss.edu**Blackboard** <https://blackboard.olemiss.edu>**IT Helpdesk** www.olemiss.edu/helpdesk**Technology @ Ole Miss** www.olemiss.edu/technology**Library** www.olemiss.edu/depts/general_library**Student Organizations** www.olemiss.edu/orgs**Security Tips****SETTING UP YOUR COMPUTER**

- ◆ Install **anti-virus software**.
- ◆ Create **strong passwords** that you can remember.
- ◆ Turn off file sharing.
- ◆ Enable your operating system **firewall** (if available).
- ◆ Turn off or delete any software features that are not needed.

ON A FREQUENT BASIS

- ◆ Keep your **anti-virus software** definitions updated.
- ◆ Don't allow files from unknown sources on your computer.
- ◆ **Remove spyware** by running programs like Ad-Aware, Spybot or Windows Defender.
- ◆ Regularly install **Windows updates**.
- ◆ Keep your application software updated.
- ◆ **Back up** data files.

PHYSICAL SECURITY

- ◆ Ssshhh! Keep your passwords secret. Do not write them down and keep them at your desk.
- ◆ Install laptop and desktop locks (see <http://us.kensington.com/html/11179.html>).

See <http://itsecurity.olemiss.edu/>
for additional security information.



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