

## Bryan School Student Laptop Requirements - Fall 2005

Students entering the MBA, MS in Accounting, and MSITM programs in the Fall 2005 semester are required to have wireless laptop computers. Currently enrolled students should contact the respective Program Director to see if they are required to have a wireless laptop computer.

### Recommended Minimum Specifications for a Laptop Computer

Operating System: Windows XP Professional

Memory: 512 MB

Drives: 30 GB or larger hard disk and CDRW

Wireless Protocol: 802.11b or 802.11g (802.11g is strongly recommended)

Battery Life: 4 hours minimum

Software: Microsoft Office 2003 Professional

Screen Size: 14" minimum

Backup Device: 128MB or larger USB Flash Drive

### Frequently Asked Questions

- If I have an older laptop computer, I can still use it?*  
UNCG still supports the Windows 2000 operating system but does not support earlier versions of Windows which may not work reliably.
- If I have Microsoft Office XP currently installed, do I have to upgrade to Office 2003?*  
You may be able to use Office XP but it is probable that some instructions and class materials will be prepared for Office 2003. However, most files used in classes will be able to be opened with Office XP.
- Why are 4 hours of battery life necessary?*  
Most of the Bryan School classrooms do not have available electric outlets for plugging in computers and some classes in the graduate program are as long as three hours. Students will be expected to have batteries that are charged up for use in many classes.
- Will there be a place in the Bryan School to charge laptop batteries and connect with a wire connection?*  
Yes. There will be some places in the Bryan School where a laptop computer can be recharged, however such locations are limited..
- Will all classes use laptop computers?*  
No. However, many classes will use laptop computers. Currently enrolled students who are nearly finished with the program should contact their program director to see if they will need a laptop computer for their remaining classes.
- What do I have to do to use my laptop on campus?*  
Once you have a valid UNCG username and are registered in the Bryan School, you will be able to connect to the wireless network. You will have to provide your username and password to make the connection.
- Will all Bryan classrooms have wireless laptop connectivity?*  
Yes. The Bryan building will be able to support wireless connectivity in classrooms, offices, and common areas including the snack bar.
- Will all software available on the campus network be available to wireless laptops?*  
No. Because of licensing and security issues, some software will only be available to students in campus computer labs.
- Does the University have a laptop purchase program?*  
No. If you have questions about purchasing an appropriate laptop computer, you should contact the Bryan School IT Director ([jleatman@uncg.edu](mailto:jleatman@uncg.edu)).
- If I have any questions about the laptop computer requirement, who should I contact?*  
You should contact the Bryan School IT Director ([jleatman@uncg.edu](mailto:jleatman@uncg.edu)).