

## Top Ten Reasons to Purchase the Recommended Laptop

- 1. A brand name laptop for a discounted price**  
Framingham State University is pleased to offer the Dell Latitude 7490 to students for the 2018-2019 academic year.
- 2. Loaner laptop available**  
During the school year if your FSU recommended laptop is being serviced for longer than 24 hours, a loaner is available for you to borrow. This allows you to never miss a beat in your classes or with your schoolwork.
- 3. Meets all specifications for required laptops**  
Buying the recommended laptop takes all the shopping and guess work out of buying a laptop that meets FSU specifications.
- 4. On campus support**  
The Information Technology Services staff are authorized to diagnose and repair the recommended laptop and can provide first level support and troubleshooting. While attending FSU, you will not have to make arrangements for repair; ITS will coordinate directly with Dell on your behalf.
- 5. Excellent Warranty and services**  
The recommended laptop comes with a 4 year NBD on-site accidental damage through Dell. This covers accidental damage to the laptop not covered under the standard warranty such as screen damage, liquid spills, etc.
- 6. Theft recovery**  
The recommended laptop comes with the option of 4 years of the theft tracking software: Computrace Pro.
- 7. High performance specifications**  
The specification of this system will include an Intel i5-8250U processor, 14" Wide screen, 8.0 GB RAM, 256GB Solid State Drive, Intel HD Video Processor, Built-in Webcam, Windows 10 Pro,
- 8. Easy and fast ordering**  
Ordering will be fast and easy using the Dell online purchasing portal. Please visit <http://www.Framingham.edu/ITS> for more information on how to order!
- 9. Least intrusive, Least expensive & Least Time Consuming**  
Think of it as insurance for your student's tech needs throughout their entire Framingham State University experience.

## Why Does FSU Require a Laptop?

An important component of Framingham State University's mission is the infusion of technology through the curriculum and the university experience. Our goal is for all students to be fluent in information technology as it applies to their majors and future professions while also enhancing their educational experience in the classroom.

### Some of the benefits of this technology include:



Access to the campus network and Web-based resources.



Extension of the learning environment outside of scheduled class time.



In-class writing exercises and peer critiquing of writing samples.



In-class research using the Web and Library databases.



Communication among students and between faculty, students, and family.



Online supplemental class materials.



Discipline related, subject specific software, databases and websites.



Data analysis in lab environment.



Out-of-class collaboration on course projects.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What laptop does Framingham State University recommend? Do I have to buy the recommended laptop?

Students are able to bring to campus any up-to-date laptop computer that they wish as long as they meet minimum specifications. If students need to purchase a laptop computer, FSU has negotiated an agreement with Dell to offer students the Dell Latitude 7490 at a significantly discounted rate.

### How and when, can I purchase the recommended laptop?

Upon your acceptance of admissions, students can purchase the laptop through Framingham State University's online purchasing portal. To ensure you will receive the correct model and price, see our website for information on purchasing, given below. Purchasing will begin around mid-May.

### If I already have a laptop, can I use it at Framingham State University?

Yes. If it meets the minimum specifications required. Please inquire to ITS staff for minimum specifications.

### What operating system do you recommend?

Microsoft Windows 7/8/10 Professional and higher is the only supported operating systems. Microsoft Windows 7/8/10 Enterprise downloads are available at <http://www.framingham.edu/its>.

### How can I access the network using my laptop computer?

Wireless access is available throughout the campus. We have many access points throughout the University, providing wireless connectivity to just about every point on campus including all academic buildings, residence halls, and many outdoor locations.

### Do I have to bring my own printer?

No, there are wireless network printers on campus for student use. However, not all printers will be available 24 hours. Therefore, some students prefer to bring a personal printer. Students are allocated 350 pages of free printing per semester.

### Can I bring an Apple computer?

Apple computers may be brought to campus and will receive Tier III support from ITS. Note: Not all required software may work on an Apple computer.

### Can I bring a desktop?

Yes, but it DOES NOT fulfill the laptop requirement.

### Does a Chromebook or Tablet meet the required laptop policy?

No, devices such as Chromebooks or tablets do not run a full operating system. Devices that do not run full a operating system limits the software you can install on them, and therefore will not be compatible with the courses you need to take.