

Laptop Sections Student's Computer Criteria Checklist

Dear EN101 or GS100 Student,

In order to take the **Laptop Section of the EN101 or GS100** class, you must have:

1. A laptop computer capable of connecting to the Internet. **NOTE:** Although it is not mandatory that you have a Microsoft Windows based computer, we will not be able to provide the same level of support for Apple I-Books.
2. Wireless network card **
3. A word processing program. Microsoft Word, Word Perfect, or Word Pad (not NotePad) are suggested, although any software that allows you to produce an 'rtf' type document is fine
4. An up-to-date version of virus protection software installed on your computer.

We also recommend that prior to beginning this class, you:

- Have a backup plan if your computer becomes unavailable for a class. For example, could you borrow a friend's or a relative's? Do you have a maintenance agreement that guarantees a fix within a set number of days?
- Test the wireless connection in Sweeney Hall, the Student Center lobby, the Bistro, or the Library.

Electrical power will be available at your desk in the classroom. Your computer battery does not need to last for the 3 hour class. However, it is recommended that you come to class with a fully charged computer battery.

If you have a problem with your computer prior to beginning this class, you can contact the student help services in Farnum Hall. (NHTIHelpDesk@ccsnh.edu)

** Wireless network cards can be added to PCs that do not have integrated wireless capability. This is normally done by adding a wireless network PCMCIA card or a USB wireless network adapter. The former is normally recommended for laptop PCs where size and convenience are important while the latter is recommended for desktop PCs since it allows the transceiver, at the end of the USB cable, to be easily moved for best reception. **The manufacturer of the card is not important as long as it is at least IEEE 802.11b compliant. This is the specification for the wireless network installed at NHTI.** Network cards can be purchased at most consumer office supply stores or from Internet vendors for between \$50 and \$100.