



ResNet *at Saint Mary's College*

Important Information About Personal Computing

ResNet Computer Specifications

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Recommended Configuration for Macs:

Mac OS X version 10.4 or later
G4 or G5 processor (includes iBooks, PowerBooks, and older iMacs)
or an Intel Core Duo processor (includes current MacBooks, MacBook Pros, and iMacs)
At least 1GB RAM, 2GB RAM preferred
60 GB hard drive or larger

Recommended Configuration for Windows:

Windows XP Professional Edition
or Windows Vista Business Edition
or Windows Vista Ultimate Edition
2.8 GHz Pentium IV processor or better
or an Intel Core Duo processor for desktop computers
1.5 GHz Pentium M processor or better
or an Intel Core Duo processor for notebook computers
At least 1GB RAM, 2GB RAM preferred
60GB hard drive or larger

Recommended For All Computers:

Built-in 10/100Base-T Ethernet
Ethernet cable (RJ-45 connector)
CD-RW/DVD-ROM ("Combo") drive
or CD-RW/DVD burner ("Superdrive")
An 802.11b or 802.11g compatible (including 802.11n) wireless network card
Inkjet printer

Computing 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 residential student computer network at Saint Mary's College and the team that supports it. ResNet support is available to assist any student who requests our help with her personal computer 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 residential network. Our *2008/2009 Student's Guide to Bringing a Computer to Saint Mary's College* is also available for download on the website - it 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 ResNet and a helpful glossary of technical terms to assist you with your search for the computer that best fits your needs. ResNet can also address your individual questions about what type of computer will best meet your personal and academic needs.

ResNet will also be making computer recommendations for specific Dell and Apple computer models to help make your purchasing decisions easier. Our recommendations for specific models will be available beginning with the Summer Orientations (June 20, 23, 27, 30, 2008) and listed on our ResNet website. We strongly encourage you to wait until the Summer Orientations before purchasing a computer for college.

Saint Mary's College has had a Microsoft Campus Agreement since the fall of 2007. This agreement allows students to purchase a single copy of Microsoft Windows Vista Ultimate Edition Upgrade, Microsoft Office 2007 for Windows, and Microsoft Office 2008 for Mac for only \$10 each. This software is available for purchase at the Campus iStore. Students must show their Saint Mary's ID card to purchase the software, and the software will be charged to their student accounts.

To Contact ResNet:
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<http://www.saintmarys.edu/resnet>

ResNet at Saint Mary's College provides:

- 🔊 A personal 100Mbps wired Internet connection for every student living in the residence halls.
- 🔊 Detailed instructions for connecting to the network.
- 🔊 Software for accessing Internet resources (World Wide Web, electronic mail, course-related software and materials, online library catalogue).
- 🔊 Disk space on our network (referred to as a "personal network drive") to save files to and/or host a web page. This space is accessible from any networked computer on campus, eliminating the need to carry disks 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.
- 🔊 Free virus protection software for your personal computer (McAfee VirusScan for Windows and Mac OS X).
- 🔊 Residential Computer Consultants (RCCs) who are available to assist with connecting your computer to the network and other basic computing questions.
- 🔊 The ResNet Office and the ResNet Helpline, which are staffed in the afternoons and evenings by Residential Computer Consultants (RCCs), for immediate troubleshooting assistance.

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

- 🔊 A Saint Mary's e-mail account that is accessible from any computer with access to the Internet.
- 🔊 A Microsoft Campus Agreement for students that allows students to purchase a single copy each of Office 2007 for Windows, Office 2008 for Mac, and Windows Vista Ultimate Edition Upgrade. We will offer students the software for \$10 per software title for their personal computer.
- 🔊 Wireless network and Internet access in many academic buildings, as well as the dining hall and student center. Wireless network and Internet access is currently available in some residence halls, and will appear in the remaining residence halls as early as the 2008/2009 academic year.
- 🔊 Approximately 200 computers in our computer clusters - areas with networked Macintosh and Windows computers that have many popular software packages installed on them, as well as course-specific software. 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 which 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.

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 am looking forward to seeing you on campus this fall!

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