Frequently Asked Questions for Notebook Specifications (*For Full Time Students)

1. Do I need to get a notebook before semester start in Apr?

Please note that ALL DMAD Year 1 students will only be confirmed into their specialisation AFTER the Foundry Programme at the end of Semester 1. They are encouraged to use their existing laptopuntil they have confirmed their placement in their specialisation. Purchasing of the laptop fromthe recommended SP vendor can still be done in Semester 1 after placement in specialisation hasbeen confirmed.

2. Is it compulsory to buy a Mac?

For most of the specializations in DMAD it is **NOT** necessary. You can buy any notebook from our approved in Notebook PC Corner site. However we would advise students if they can wait, to use an existing laptop till they have been posted into their specialisation before purchasing.

For **SM only:** Yes, DMAD (SM) students make extensive use of the computer for music composition and production, and their primary tool is the industry standard Macintosh application LogicPro X.

For **XPD & SCC** only: Students are able to use either a Windows or Mac OS for their course of study. However, as the industry is generally Mac based, it may benefit the students from getting a Mac laptop.

3. Where can I buy Mac?

For students who require Apple products (e.g. Macbook, iPad) for your study in SP, you can purchase them at education price directly from the Apple Education Store.

Official Website: https://www.apple.com/sg-edu/store

To qualify for Apple education pricing, you will be prompted by Apple to verify your student status with UNiDAYS.

4. Can I buy a MacBook Air?

If a MacBook Air is preferred, a model with a M2 chip or newer is recommended. In addition, it should meet the minimum hardware specification requirement for your specialization.

5. Can I use an existing hand-me-down notebook first and purchase a laptop later?

Yes, you may use it. Should you decide to buy one later, you can still purchase it at a later date via the vendor website indicated on the Notebook PC Corner site.

Including students who have been enroll thru Polytechnic Foundation Programme (PFP) and also to consider Question 1 in this FAQ before purchase.

6. Are the prices of the notebook the cheapest from your approved vendors?

We do not determine the prices of the notebook. We are just providing a service for your convenience. The prices are determined by the vendors.

When you compare prices, it is important that you compare the specifications to ensure that the models are comparable. For example, a vendor may sell a notebook at a cheaper price with a specification that shows only 4GB RAM and not 8 GB RAM, or the hard disk capacity may be lower, etc.

7. Are there financial assistance provided by SP?

Information can be found at Notebook Subsidies

Please note that there are deadlines and apply before the application closes. You can also approach the customer service officers at Student Services Centre for assistance.

8. What are the softwares provided by the School and what software is required for my specialisation?

For notebook configuration support, please refer to SP website at Student Services > IT Services > Notebook PC Corner.

You will need your iChat account and password to access the software list. Installation and configuration guides are provided.

9. When will the SP Notebook PC corner portal be updated?

Usually, it will be updated between Mid-March to Early April of the year.

10. Who should I refer to when I encounter problem with my notebook?

Please call SPICE Service Desk hotline 6772 1260 or email ServiceDeskMail@sp.edu.sg.

For enquiries regarding the SP Notebook PC Scheme (Roadshow and Financial Assistance), please contact us at our hotline 6775 1133 or send an enquiry via Enquiry Form.