

## Computer System Recommendations (updated 8/2007)

High-speed access is provided in your residence hall or apartment bedroom. Below are the recommended configurations for student-owned computers.

### Personal Computer or Laptop

- ❖ Windows XP SP2 *or* Apple Macintosh OS X 10.2 or higher with the latest patches and updates\*
- ❖ RAM -1GB
- ❖ Video Card - 256 MB recommended
- ❖ 2.8 GHz or dual core processor
- ❖ Ethernet - 10/100 Base-T card
- ❖ Category 5 (CAT5) Ethernet cable
- ❖ 80GB hard drive
- ❖ CD and or DVD Drive
- ❖ 802.11b compliant wireless card for laptops (encouraged)
- ❖ Anti-virus software (auto- updating)
- ❖ Anti-spyware software

### **Virus and spyware protection software**

Visit [www.fau.edu/housing](http://www.fau.edu/housing) for specific information regarding how to prepare your computer for network and internet connectivity before you get to FAU.

### **Hardware Protection**

Be sure to keep your computer safe by bringing cable locks to secure your computer. Bring a separate surge protector for your PC desktop or laptop and bring a computer battery back up Universal Power Supply if possible.

Students are responsible for the maintenance of their computer, peripherals, and any software brought to campus. We recommend that you bring all CD's that came with your computer in the event that you need to reinstall the operating system, applications or other hardware.

Residence Hall rooms/apartments provide network jacks for all residents. **PERSONAL NETWORK HUBS AND ROUTERS ARE PROHIBITED.**

\*Windows 95/98/ME/2000 operating systems should be upgraded to Windows XP