

## PURCHASING A LAPTOP

Iona College recommends that students purchase a laptop for use on campus. Please note this is NOT a requirement as there are 625 computers available on campus for student use. Iona is a wireless campus.

Special pricing on laptops and related accessories has been arranged by the College through Apple, Dell and Lenovo (ThinkPads). The vendor will include Microsoft Office Professional Edition in the pricing bundle. This year's pricing will be finalized by May. Iona College purchases virus protection software for all students. You must run Iona's virus protection software on the Iona network. The Information Technology department must install the college owned version of Norton antivirus software on any computer attached to the College's network.

Recommendations will be posted on the Information Technology web page at [www.iona.edu/infotech/wireless/RecommendedLaptopConfiguration.pdf](http://www.iona.edu/infotech/wireless/RecommendedLaptopConfiguration.pdf)

Please direct any questions to Adrianna DiLello at [adilello@iona.edu](mailto:adilello@iona.edu) or contact the Helpdesk at (914) 633-2635.

## CONNECTING TO IONA WIRELESS

Incoming Freshmen are encouraged to contact the Help Desk at (914) 633-2635 to set up an appointment to connect to the campus wireless network. Appoints are available during Summer Orientation and throughout the summer. You must call in advance for an appointment.

Get connected to the college's network from anywhere on campus through the college's Wireless Program! Students enjoy the convenience and educational benefits of using wireless laptops in and outside of the classroom in addition to our public laboratory facilities.



## COMPUTING FACILITIES

The Information Technology division supports both academic and administrative computing activities throughout the campus. The campus network consists of 82 servers and 1,420 workstations. Six hundred twenty-five (625) of these workstations are available on campus for student use. Half of the systems are dual boot iMac computers and the rest are Windows-based computers. These systems are in the libraries, public and departmental facilities. Each workstation supports various academic and administrative software, provides Internet access, and access to Iona College's Library databases. Laser printers and multimedia capability are located in most laboratories. State-of-the-art projection systems and workstations are located in sixty-seven classrooms. All classrooms in New Rochelle are equipped with access to the campus network and the Internet. Network connectivity is provided via wireless, category 5 wiring, fiber optic cable, a Gigabit Ethernet Backbone which is being migrated to 10 Gigabit by August 2009, a high speed 10 Mbit point to point connection to the Rockland Graduate Center and a 100 Mbit connection to the Internet.

The student computers on the New Rochelle campus are housed in 36 computing facilities and two campus libraries. Most facilities are connected to the campus backbone via a high-speed 100 megabit Ethernet connection. Two of these facilities are open 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Other facilities are open for approximately 16 hours a day during the week and 12 hours a day on the weekends. Departmental labs are open at the discretion of each individual academic department. The Rockland campus has two labs available six days per week.

Wireless connectivity is available throughout the campus to all students. All student dormitories are fully connected to the wireless network. Students need to purchase their laptops and wireless cards to connect to the wireless network. Up to date details are available on the college's website or by contacting the Help Desk on the New Rochelle campus. The Help Desk can be reached by calling (914) 633-2635.

## COMPUTING SOFTWARE AND SERVICES

A variety of software packages are currently available in the computing lab facilities including Microsoft Office Professional, statistical analysis, graphics, programming languages and compilers, communications and discipline-related software.

PC-based electronic mail is available to all students, faculty, administrators and staff at Iona College. E-mail can be used to communicate both within Iona and around the world. E-mail is available remotely via any Internet provider. A full range of Internet services may be accessed from the computing laboratories and all networked campus locations. Computer users can visit Iona's web site at [www.iona.edu](http://www.iona.edu).

Students can view their financial aid package, schedules, grades, and transcripts through the web using PeopleSoft administrative software. They can also register for future terms and pay their bills on-line. Detailed instructions on accessing the above services are available on the College website.

## HELP DESK

In person or telephone computer support is provided by the Help Desk. The Help Desk is temporarily located in the ground floor of McSpedon Hall and can be reached at (914) 633-2635.. Hours of operation are posted on the Information Technology website [www.iona.edu/infotech/user/helpdesk.cfm](http://www.iona.edu/infotech/user/helpdesk.cfm).

## COMPUTING ACCOUNTS

Computing accounts are available to all students, faculty, administrators and staff at Iona College. The accounts provide access to the college's e-mail, network, administrative systems, the Internet, the Library's electronic databases and to a variety of application software packages. Computing accounts are created for students at the time of their first registration and remains active while they are registered at the College.