

# The Miami Notebook Difference: A Closer Look

## Service

**On-campus repair.** Miami is an authorized repair depot for HP and Apple, allowing most Miami Notebook hardware problems to be fixed on campus by certified technicians.

**Free loaners.** A complimentary loaner laptop is provided if your computer is in for an extended repair.

**Data backup/recovery.** Safeguard your work by automatically backing up important files to Miami's centrally-managed recovery servers.\*

**Software delivery.** If you are in a class that has specialized software available for student computers, it will be electronically delivered directly to your computer.

**Remote technical assistance.** Have a software problem? Grant a Miami technician remote control of your computer to diagnose and fix it while you watch.

\*Due to the differences in vendor technology, Miami-managed data backup/recovery is only available for HP Miami Notebooks. Data backup/recovery for Apple Miami Notebooks is provided via special pricing for Apple's .Mac online service, which provides backup capabilities as one of the service features. Purchase of .Mac is optional.

## Value

**Business-class computers.** Miami has selected business-class laptops manufactured with high-quality components to ensure greater reliability.

**Configured to last.** Miami Notebooks are richly configured to provide the computing capabilities you'll need for up to four years.

**Extended warranty.** Miami Notebooks come with a three-year vendor warranty (including accidental damage coverage on the HP models) that ensures service anywhere you take your Miami Notebook. (All batteries come with a one-year warranty.)

**Excellent pricing.** Most models are considerably less than if purchased directly from the vendor's educational store *when identically configured*.

## Convenience

**Ready to Connect.** Miami Notebooks come with all the software needed to connect to Miami's network already loaded.

**Protected from viruses/spyware.** Miami's anti-virus/anti-spyware software is pre-installed to keep your computer safe at home and at school.

**Easy ordering.** Buy your Miami Notebook online, over the phone, or on-campus at the University Bookstore.

**Home delivery.** If you order online or by phone, your Miami Notebook will be shipped directly to your home at no additional charge.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## General Computing Questions

### Do I need my own computer?

To take full advantage of the extensive technology resources Miami provides, students are strongly encouraged to have a personally-owned computer. Using technology will be a daily part of your life as a student.



### Why a laptop?

Whether you're going to a group study session, heading home for Thanksgiving break, or simply want to be somewhere other than your desk, a laptop enables you to take your work (or fun!) with you. With Miami's wireless network, you can access the Internet and the many academic resources Miami provides online from any building and many popular outdoor areas on campus.

### Do I need a printer?

While there are "pay-for-print" printers available in technology centers across campus, most students find it convenient to have a personal printer for instant print availability. We advise an inkjet printer due to their small size and low power draw.

## Laptop Purchase Questions

### If I buy a laptop listed here, will I get support from Miami or the manufacturer?

When on-campus, you will be able to take advantage of the services and support Miami provides for Miami Notebook owners like on-campus hardware repair and loaner laptops. When you are off-campus, you can contact the manufacturer directly for warranty service.



### Why do these laptops seem more expensive than some I've seen elsewhere?

Computer vendors typically offer two lines of computer - a "consumer" line and a "business" line. The consumer line is manufactured with a concern for keeping costs as low as possible; the business line provides a richer feature set and is manufactured with higher-quality components to ensure greater reliability. The laptops included here are "business-class" which are a better fit for the higher education environment. Additionally, all Miami Notebooks come standard with the best 3-year warranty the manufacturer has to offer; something you'd need to add on even when buying direct. In fact, recent comparisons show the Miami Notebook program saves you money over buying an identically configured computer directly from the manufacturer's online education store (see the Miami Notebook web site for details).

### Do the Miami Notebooks include Microsoft Office?

**No.** Microsoft Office (Microsoft's software suite containing Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.) is **NOT** included on the Miami Notebooks. Miami has negotiated an agreement with Microsoft that allows students to buy Microsoft Office at a greatly discounted price. However, since students cannot purchase through Miami's Microsoft agreement until they are enrolled in classes the software is not pre-installed. Visit [www.muohio.edu/microsoft](http://www.muohio.edu/microsoft) for details and to purchase Microsoft Office online and have it shipped directly to you.

### When should I purchase?

Vendors continually update their product lines and Miami Notebook models may change accordingly. For incoming first year students, we recommend you purchase your Miami Notebook during Orientation in June. This balances getting the latest technology with allowing time to become familiar with your new laptop before school starts.

For more information: Visit [www.muohio.edu/miaminotebook](http://www.muohio.edu/miaminotebook)

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## Why Buy a Miami Notebook?



### The answer is easy: Unbeatable service, value, and convenience.

The Miami Notebook program takes the worry out of purchasing a computer for college. When you purchase a Miami Notebook, you get a hardware, software, and service package you won't find anywhere else. All at a price that is less than you would pay for just the hardware if you went directly to the vendor.

*I've been very pleased with my Miami Notebook. I searched hard to find a better laptop for a better price and honestly, I couldn't. While other people tried to get their computers connected to the network, my Miami Notebook worked right out of the gate. It's definitely the way to go.*

**Matt S., Biochemistry, Class of 2010**

## The Miami Notebook Difference

- A selection of high-quality laptops from leading vendors, all carefully configured with the features necessary to meet your needs for up to four years.
- Miami's network connectivity and anti-virus/anti-spyware software pre-installed, so you're ready to connect at home and at school.
- Backed by a three-year vendor warranty and on-campus services and support that maximize your "up-time", so you can focus on your academic work.

*It was great to get my computer and already have all of the programs I needed.*

**Laura F., Interdisciplinary Environmental Science, Class of 2010**

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## Miami Notebook Models

### Enhanced features that come standard on all Miami Notebook models:

- Intel® Core™ 2 Duo processor
- 2GB memory
- 120GB or larger hard drive
- CD & DVD read/write drive
- WiFi (802.11 b/g) & Bluetooth
- Three-year warranty (one-year on battery)
- Built-in Gigabit Ethernet
- Miami's connectivity software pre-installed

Your Miami Notebook will come with a 25-foot Ethernet cable and custom padded sleeve featuring the Miami logo.

### Apple

Apple models come with Mac OS X 10.5 Leopard, the iSight camera, the iLife '08 digital suite, and a three-year AppleCare warranty.

**Apple MacBook**  
White \$1,299  
Black \$1,485



13.3" display with Intel GMA X3100 graphics, 2.4 GHz Intel® Core™ 2 Duo Processor, 5400RPM hard drive (white 160GB; black 250GB), starting weight\* 5 lbs.

**Apple 15.4" MacBook Pro**  
2.4 GHz \$1,864  
2.5 GHz \$2,314



15.4" display with NVIDIA GeForce 8600M GT graphics, 2.4 or 2.5 GHz Intel® Core™ 2 Duo Processor, 5400RPM hard drive (2.4 200GB; 2.5 250GB), starting weight\* 5.4 lbs

Light  
and  
Portable

Mid-size:  
balances  
weight  
and  
display  
size

### HP

HP models come with Microsoft Windows Vista Ultimate and a three-year warranty with Accidental Damage Protection.

**HP Compaq 6910p**  
\$1,121



14.1" display with ATI Mobility Radeon™ X2300 (128MB) graphics, 2.2GHz Intel® Core™ 2 Duo processor, 120GB 7200RPM hard drive, starting weight\* 4.7 lbs.

**HP Compaq 8510p**  
\$1,243



15.4" display with ATI Mobility Radeon™ HD 2600 (256MB) graphics, 2.4GHz Intel® Core™ 2 Duo processor, 160GB 7200RPM hard drive, starting weight\* 6.1 lbs.

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\*STARTING WEIGHT: Starting weight as listed by vendor and based on vendor base configurations. May not reflect the configuration shown. Weights vary depending on configuration and manufacturing variability. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS: For full product specifications, please visit the manufacturer web sites: HP ([www.hp.com](http://www.hp.com)); Apple ([www.apple.com](http://www.apple.com)). TRADEMARKS: HP and Compaq are trademarks of Hewlett-Packard Development Company, L.P. Apple is a trademark of Apple Computer, Inc. Intel and Core are trademarks or registered trademarks of Intel Corporation or its subsidiaries in the United States and other countries. Microsoft and Windows are either registered trademarks or trademarks of Microsoft Corporation in the United States and/or other countries.

*Information current as of 4/25/2008. Models, specifications and pricing subject to change without notice based on changes in vendor offerings.*

## Choosing Your Miami Notebook

The Miami Notebook program provides a selection of models so you can pick the one that's right for you.

*Windows or Mac?*

*Light and Portable or Mid-size?*

Check out the **Academic Recommendations** on the Miami Notebook web site to see if your academic program provides a recommendation—from there, it's up to you!



*Slip your Miami Notebook into the custom padded sleeve that comes with it and you're ready to take it with you anywhere.*

*I purchased the MacBook from Miami and am incredibly happy with it! Recently, I had my computer fixed by IT Services. I submitted it in the morning and had it returned to me by late afternoon. The service was excellent!*

**Emily R., Life Science Education, Class of 2010**

## Optional Peripherals

The University Bookstore offers accessory packages to complement your Miami Notebook.

**Miami Notebook Complete: \$249**  
Security Cable Lock, Surge Protector, HP Inkjet Printer/Scanner/Copier, Printer Cable, Cordless Notebook Mouse, Speakers, Padded Messenger Bag

**Miami Notebook Mobility: \$99**  
Security Cable Lock, Cordless Notebook Mouse, Padded Messenger Bag

**Miami Notebook Productivity: \$99**  
HP Inkjet Printer/Scanner/Copier, Printer Cable

iPods: Full range of iPods available at discounted prices.

*Getting my laptop through Miami was an easy decision to make. My ENG111 laptop class required one and I knew I wanted a notebook computer anyway. I haven't had a single problem yet with it, but when I do, I know I have IT Services available 24 hr.*

**Meaghan M., Major undeclared, Class of 2010**

## Ready to Order?

**Order Online:** [www.muohio.edu/miaminotebook](http://www.muohio.edu/miaminotebook)

**By Phone:** 513-529-2634

**On campus:** University Bookstore Computer Sales Department  
Ground Floor, The Phillip R. Shriver Center