

# Drew University Computer Initiative



**2008**

For over twenty years, Drew has employed a ubiquitous computing strategy for instructional technology. Drew was the first liberal arts college in the United States to do so, and has been awarded a Pioneer Award by the national organization Educause for its student computer program. Master of Divinity Students were added to the program in 1995. At Drew, M.Div. students are required to have a notebook computer which is used for both instructional and personal productivity. Many courses required the use of the computer and students often find it helpful to bring the computer to class. Seminary Hall is wireless so the computers can be used throughout the building. The Drew network is designed with special features to support academic courses, including shared space that is automatically reserved for the faculty and students in each course. Under ubiquitous computing, students have the advantage of 24 hour access to the same computer and software that is used for instruction and not having to wait for an available computer.

Drew provides a standard notebook computer which students are expected to purchase from Drew when they enroll. The Drew computer comes with a standard software package, a four year warranty and accidental damage coverage, fully supported through the Computing and Network Service Help Desk and an on-campus repair shop. Because of the University's academic and volume discounts, the purchase price is below retail, and the University offers a financing option that allows the cost to be spread over three years. In some cases, exceptions may be granted on an individual basis to students who have notebook computers that can perform adequately and can be easily configured for the Drew network. When such exceptions are granted, only limited support will be available from the Help Desk and on-campus repairs will not be available.

For 2008, the Drew standard computer will be a Lenovo (formerly IBM) ThinkPad T400, a model that will be officially announced by Lenovo in August. Students may also choose to purchase a tablet computer, the Lenovo ThinkPad X61 tablet instead. Students who wish purchase the tablet should send an email to [ci@drew.edu](mailto:ci@drew.edu) by August 1, 2008, indicating that you are an entering MDiv student and wish to purchase the upgraded ThinkPad X61 tablet. Because of our educational and volume-based discounts, the price for these computers is well below the retail price, and we also offer six-semester financing. Your computer will be delivered to you in a fully configured manner during the orientation week in September. We strongly recommend that students purchase a Drew standard computer or tablet, which will provide the best support for them in their academic programs. Students who wish to apply for exceptions may do so by following the procedure described on the back cover between August 1, 2008 and August 25, 2008. Students who are not granted exceptions will be required to purchase a Drew standard computer.

Questions may be sent by email to [ci@drew.edu](mailto:ci@drew.edu).

\*Exceptions may be granted in extraordinary situations for computers that are close to or exceed the Drew standard and can be accommodated on the Drew network, but support for such computers will be limited. Please see the back of this brochure for details.

# Drew University Standard Computers 2008

## STANDARD LAPTOP: LENOVO THINKPAD T-SERIES



### COST

Cost per semester for six semesters \$300.00

Includes carrying case, software fee and NJ Sales Tax

### SPECIFICATIONS

- **ThinkPad notebook**
- Intel Centrino 2 Laptop Chipset
- Intel Core 2 Duo T9400 Processor (2.5 GHz, 6MB cache)
- 14" TFT Active Matrix Widescreen Display WXGA+ (1400x900) with LED Backlight
- ATI Radeon graphics with 256MB dedicated memory
- DVD Multiburner optical drive
- Integrated 1.3 MP Web cam
- Travel weight 5 pounds

Why is the image blurred? The computer is so new we can't show it to you yet!

## TABLET OPTION: LENOVO THINKPAD X61 TABLET



### TABLET COST

Same as cost for standard laptop plus one-time additional fee of \$200 payable by August 15, 2008.

### SPECIFICATIONS

- Ultralight 4lb Tablet PC
- Convertible between standard laptop and tablet modes
- 12.1" TFT display with touch-screen and pen input
- 1.8 GHz Ultra Low Voltage Intel Core Duo Processor

## BOTH MODELS HAVE

- 2GB RAM (1 module)
- 250 GB HDD
- 10/100/1000 Wired Ethernet
- Intel 802.11 a/g/n Wireless Adapter
- 4 year warranty with ThinkPad Protection
- 6 cell Lithium-Ion battery
- 3 USB Ports
- Windows Vista Enterprise
- Microsoft Office 2007 Enterprise
- Integrated IEEE1394 (FireWire) port
- Media Card Reader
- Carrying case
- Adobe Digital School Collection software

## VISTA OR WINDOWS XP?

All computers shipped from vendors after June 2008 are required by Microsoft to have Windows Vista installed. We will be providing Vista on both models of standard laptop, and will ensure compatibility with academic applications and provide full enterprise support. However, some students may wish to run Windows XP Professional for compatibility with

printers and other hardware, or other personal software. We will provide the ability to have your computer reimaged with Windows XP as an option. Specific instructions will be presented when you receive your computer at the start of the semester.

# Drew University Computer Initiative Benefits

## MEETS CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

- Required notebooks create anytime, anywhere, 1-to-1 computing environment
- Required for in-class use in many courses
- Fully configured for Drew network
- Network access to software
- Wireless access to Drew network

## ON-CAMPUS TECHNICAL SUPPORT

- Warranty repair shop
- Help desk supports both standard computer and standard software
- Re-imaging service available when needed
- Loaners available during extended repair or when academically necessary (<http://depts.drew.edu/cns/support/policy/loanerpolicy.php>)
- Software updates
- Virus protection updates
- Windows security patches deployed through network
- Computer training for all incoming students

## INDUSTRY STANDARD SOFTWARE

- Microsoft Office Campus Agreement (allows you to receive upgrades while you are at Drew and to have a perpetual license after graduation)
- Novell GroupWise email client
- Virus protection
- Academic software on network including
  - Mathematica
  - SPSS
  - Mathcad
  - EViews

## DREW COMPUTING COMMUNITY

- Faculty— Know what computer you have and plan courses to leverage standard technology
- Students—Have the same computer, fostering common knowledge base about its use and features, and can share components
- Drew Technical Staff— Have expertise in configuration and repair of this computer
- Drew Technical Staff— Test new applications for the next four years to ensure compatibility with this computer, and provide regular software updates

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## REQUESTING AN EXCEPTION TO THE COMPUTER REQUIREMENT`

**All students in the Master of Divinity Program at Drew Theological School are required to have an approved notebook computer.** An approved notebook computer is either a Drew Standard computer purchased from Drew or an individually approved exception.

Exceptions will be granted on an individual basis. Students who request an exception to the purchase of the computer must take full responsibility for the support and repair of their own computer. The Drew computer repair services will be for those computers purchased through Drew only.

If you already own a computer that you wish to propose for an exception, please email Dean Anne Yardley, Associate Academic Dean of the Theological School at [ayardley@drew.edu](mailto:ayardley@drew.edu) before August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008. In your email, please indicate the model of computer you own, the operating system that it runs, and its capability for wireless interface.

If you do not already own a computer, we strongly recommend that you purchase one of the two models featured in this brochure.

*The Computer Initiative is brought to you by the Department of Computing and Network Services at Drew University. For more information about our department and services please visit <http://depts.drew.edu/cns/>.*