

Deciding which laptop to buy is not easy. CampusShop helps you!

The time has come, you decided which study you are going to follow. The moment you start orientating yourself on the purchase of a laptop is getting closer. You are looking for a laptop that matches your field of study and the programs that you will work with in the coming years.

You will be overwhelmed with offers for student laptops. You don't see the difference between brands such as Apple Macbook Pro, Dell, Microsoft Surface, Lenovo Yoga, HP Pavilion and Asus Zenbook. How do you choose the laptop that best suits your studies? To help you with this, the HOPweek has prepared a few tips together with CampusShop.

It is important to first look at the inside of the laptop

We start with the **processor**. The faster it is, the more calculations that can be processed per second. The more tasks the processor can do per second, the faster your laptop is. At this moment, the Intel Core i processors are the most chosen by students. The following applies: the higher the figure behind the "i", the faster the laptop is. An Intel Core i5 processor is therefore faster than an Intel Core i3 processor. Are you going to use your laptop for basic tasks such as surfing the net, Netflix, Youtube, Word, Excel and Powerpoint? Then an Intel Core i3 processor is sufficient. Are you going to use your laptop intensively and also with multiple programs at the same time? Then choose an Intel Core i5 processor. Are you going to use programs that require a lot of computing power such as 3D rendering? Then an Intel Core i7 processor is recommended.

The processor always works in combination with the **internal memory**. The internal memory is the temporary memory for your programs. The more internal memory your laptop has, the faster programs will start and files will open. Do you often work with multiple programs at the same time? Then choose a laptop with at least 8GB of internal memory or with 16GB of internal memory if the programs you are going to use require this.

In addition to the processor and internal memory, the **type of storage and storage capacity** are important elements to take into consideration. You can choose for a traditional hard disk (HDD) or an SSD disk (SSD). We recommend an SSD because it is up to 30x faster than a hard drive. The storage capacity is expressed in GBs (gigabytes) where the following applies: the more GBs, the more files you can store. For example, if you are going to work with large video files or 3D drawings, choose a laptop with at least a 256GB SSD.

The **screen** is one of the most important parts of a laptop. The size of the screen determines the size of the laptop and also its weight. Nowadays, students are increasingly opting for laptops with small - 13 or 14 inch - screens because they are lightweight and, thanks to the compact size, fit into a backpack more easily.

As part of the screen, the resolution says something about the amount of information you get on your screen. The following applies: the higher the resolution, the more information you can see at one time. You often see the 1920x1080 resolution. This resolution is also called FullHD and is becoming more common in today's study laptops.

Finally, we would like to point out that students often prefer a laptop with a matt display. Unlike a glossy screen, light or sunlight reflections are prevented. The ideal study laptop has at most a 15 inch matte screen and a FullHD resolution.

The **videocard** completes the laptop. This ensures a smooth display of images on the screen. You can choose from a videocard integrated with the processor (also called an integrated or onboard

videocard) or a separate videocard such as an Nvidia GeForce or AMD Radeon. Separate videocards have extra "video memory", which prevents images with hitches appearing on your screen. Do you not use the laptop for 3D rendering, photo editing or video games? Then an onboard videocard is sufficient. In other cases, we recommend that you select a videocard based on the minimum specifications required by the programs that you are going to use.

What else are you paying attention to?

In addition to the processor, the internal memory, the storage, the screen and the videocard, you will also want to look at the battery life. Fortunately, laptops are becoming more energy efficient and batteries more efficient. It is not unusual to come across laptops that last 8 to 10 hours with a charged battery. That way you can easily get through a long school day.

Do you like having a touch-sensitive touch screen? Or do you also want to be able to use your laptop as a tablet by turning the screen around 360 degrees? Then choose a laptop that has these features such as the Lenovo Yoga or the Asus Zenbook.

CampusShop advice

Are you going to follow a study where you are mainly concerned with word processing, creating spreadsheets and using the internet, then choose a laptop that has at least the following specifications:

- Intel Core i3 processor
- 4GB internal memory
- 256 GB SSD storage
- 14 inch laptop with matt screen
- Onboard videocard
- Long batterylife

Are you going to follow a study in which you use your laptop intensively every day? Do you often have multiple programs open at the same time or are you going to work with heavier programs such as Photoshop or Autocad? Then choose a laptop that has at least the following specifications:

- Intel Core i5 processor
- 8GB internal memory
- 256 GB SSD storage
- 14 inch laptop with matt screen and FullHD resolution
- Onboard videocard
- Long batterylife

Have you chosen a study where you will edit heavier videos or work with 3D drawings? Then at least the following specifications are recommended:

- Intel Core i7 processor
- 16GB internal memory
- 512 GB SSD storage
- Separat videocard with minimal 2GB videomemory
- 15 inch laptop with matt screen and FullHD resolution
- Long batterylife

Where are you going to buy your laptop?

Because studying is expensive enough, you want a good laptop for the lowest possible price. As a student, you can take advantage of student discounts at CampusShop. This discount can add up to hundred euros. That is why more than 150,000 students have already bought a laptop at CampusShop!

In addition to a good price, it is important to think about what service you want. You don't want your laptop breaking down while writing your thesis! In addition to a student prize, CampusShop ensures that you can continue your studies quickly in the event of a defect. With CampusShop's Fast Student Service, your laptop is quickly repaired. If that does not work within 5 days, you will just get a loan laptop. No hassle, much convenience. Fast Student Service for € 89 is completely free with the purchase of a Windows laptop!

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