

Division of Information Technology

New Student Technology Checklist



Want more detailed instruction about how to get your computer needs in order before the start of classes? Follow this technology checklist to help you get started in understanding the computing resources offered at Stony Brook.



SOLAR

The SOLAR System is a tool you will be using frequently to access your University records. Be sure to enter and/or update your personal information and keep it current!

To access SOLAR, please visit: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/solarsystem>

Under **Security and Personal Data**, enter your personal information:

- Addresses
- Phone Numbers
- E-mail Addresses
- Emergency Contacts

Also in SOLAR, be sure to register for **SB Alert**, the University's emergency notification system.



NetID

Your NetID username and password is found in the SOLAR System. It is important to know your NetID and establish your NetID password before you arrive on campus. Your NetID is required to register your computer on the University network and access computing resources (wireless, printing, MySBmail, MySBfiles, Blackboard, library databases, and more).

To find your NetID, log in to SOLAR at: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/solarsystem>

Under **Security and Personal Data**, click on the **NetID Maintenance** link to:

- Find out what your NetID is
- Establish and/or change your NetID password (expires every six months)
- Set a security question
- Test your NetID password and make sure it is working properly



MySBmail

Every Stony Brook student receives a MySBmail account to send and receive e-mail messages. In most cases, your e-mail address will be:

firstname.lastname@stonybrook.edu.

To access this account, go to <http://mysbmail.stonybrook.edu> and log in with your NetID and NetID password.

**Overwhelmed by
URLs?
Just remember:**

[www.stonybrook.edu/
compute](http://www.stonybrook.edu/compute)



Software

Stony Brook provides every registered student with a copy of **Microsoft Office 2007 Enterprise** or **Office 2008 for Mac** and **Symantec AntiVirus**.

Once you receive your Stony Brook ID card during opening weekend, you can bring it to either the Seawolves MarketPlace in the Student Activities Center (SAC) or the Matthew's HSC Bookstore on East Campus to obtain your copy of **Microsoft Office**.

Visit **Softweb** (<https://softweb.cc.stonybrook.edu>) and log in with your Stony Brook ID number and birthdate in YYMMDD format to download **Symantec AntiVirus** and other software at no extra charge.



Test Your Computer Before School Starts

If you are bringing a personal computer to Stony Brook and want to access the Internet, you must first register your computer on the SB Residential Network (ResNet). If your computer has a Windows operating system (XP or Vista), you must have the latest Microsoft Windows Updates and a valid anti-virus program.

You should **test your computer** to make sure it has the proper Windows Updates and anti-virus software before you get to campus and attempt to register. For more information, please visit: <http://testme.resnet.stonybrook.edu>.



Blackboard

Blackboard is the University's Web-based course management system that your instructors may use to post course syllabi, course-related materials, assignments, lectures, etc. To access and customize your Blackboard home page, log in to <http://blackboard.stonybrook.edu> using your NetID and NetID password. For instructions on how to customize your Blackboard home page, please visit: http://it.cc.stonybrook.edu/student_guide/blackboard



Save Money When Purchasing Your Computer

Thinking about buying a computer for school? Check out the computer discounts offered to Stony Brook students through **Dell**, **Apple**, and **Lenovo**. Stony Brook has worked with each manufacturer to provide an impressive list of specifications to suit your needs. These specifications always include a three-year warranty and accidental damage insurance. For more information, please visit: http://it.cc.stonybrook.edu/hardware/student_computer_purchasing

Where to Get Help

Teaching, Learning + Technology (TLT)

1st Floor Melville Library SINC Site - S1460
SB Union SINC Site - 080 (Fall and Spring semesters)
Phone: (631) 632-9602
E-mail: helpme@stonybrook.edu
Web: <http://tlt.stonybrook.edu/StudentServices>

TLT assists students with:

MySBmail	NetID issues
SINC Sites (computer labs)	Printing
File storage questions	Blackboard

Client Support

5th Floor Melville Library - S5410
Phone: (631) 632-9800
E-mail: DoIT_SSCSupport@notes.cc.sunysb.edu
Web: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/it>

Client Support assists students with:

- Connectivity issues/wireless
- Computer registration
- Windows/Office installation
- Virus/spyware removal
- Computer purchase recommendations