Apple Notebook Use when Windows is Required for Class

All students with the exception of Visual Arts, Music and Art Education students who make a choice to bring an Apple notebook must be prepared to meet certain requirements and understand there still may be risks in using the Apple Notebook.

Configuration Requirements:

Existing Macs should be less than 3 years old at the start of the semester Windows is needed and ideally covered under Apple Care Warranty.

Newly purchased Macs must be the MacBook Pro model with minimum 250 GB hard drive and 4 GB RAM (Engineering majors and students planning to take Engineering courses need a minimum 500 GB hard drive).

The use of Boot Camp to dual boot a Mac is the only supported option for students taking courses that require Windows based applications. This applies to all majors in engineering, business, teacher education, health and sport science and computer science. Regardless of major students may take courses using software only available for Windows or only licensed for use on Windows at UD.

Getting Windows installed on a Mac:

The UDit Service Desk will install Windows 7 SP1 Professional or newer, standard UD apps including MS Office, Windows device drivers, Windows updates, tweaks and fixes researched by Apple support technicians for a $50 fee. Plan two business days, three during the first two weeks of a semester to be without your Mac.

Do-It-Yourself Installation – purchase the Windows upgrade media & instruction sheet from the UD Tech Shop for approx. $20 and download needed applications from UD software site. Requires CD or flash drive to obtain drivers when prompted by the Boot Camp wizard. Students must have a good understanding of partitioning, formatting, custom and upgrade installation of an OS and device driver installation. Due to Microsoft licensing the DIY option requires you to install Windows once using the custom install option and then a second time using the upgrade option before you can activate Windows. You must install the drivers before you can activate but failure to properly install Windows will result in activation failure and require starting the whole process from scratch. After activation run Windows updates & install the software you need. Plan at least 16 hours of time for the DIY option if you properly follow the steps.