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School of Music of Bard College

iPad Requirement for Students

Students entering Longy's in-person programs are required to own an iPad that meets the standards established by the academic and technology leadership of the institution. MM/ME (Online) students are exempt from this requirement. Students who do not own an iPad that meets the device specifications below will be required to purchase one before the start of their first semester.

Why is Longy requiring iPads?

By requiring every student to have an iPad, Longy is committing to teaching the skills necessary to be a musician in the 21st century, as well as a reduction in the amount of paper used on campus. By guaranteeing that every student has access to the internet, Microsoft Office apps, and forScore, this initiative will dramatically improve the student experience in studio lessons, rehearsals, and classes. Apart from the iPad's basic functions, forScore grants students the ability to access, annotate, and share scores quickly; utilize a digital metronome and keyboard; and curate setlists for various concerts. We promise to prepare our students for life beyond school, and this initiative does just that.

Device Specifications

If you own an iPad that meets or exceeds the requirements listed below, you do not need to purchase a new one. WiFi is available on Longy's campus; therefore, a cellular data plan is not necessary.

Display: 10 inches or larger

Capacity: 64GB or greater

OS: iPadOS 15 or later

Software Requirements

The device specifications above are based on minimum system requirements for the required software, [forScore](#). All students are required to purchase forScore from Apple's App Store for \$19.99.

Approved Models

iPad Pro (all models)

iPad Air (2nd generation or newer)

iPad (5th generation or newer)

If you need help identifying your iPad model, please [visit the Apple Support site](#).

Purchasing an iPad

Students cannot purchase a device through Longy. If you need to purchase an iPad, please order it as soon as possible, as there may be delays in shipping from Apple. You may learn more about the above models at any Apple Store or on Apple's website. Be sure to check out Apple's [educational pricing](#) (for students, parents, faculty, and staff). Payment plans—as well as the option to purchase a refurbished device—are available directly through Apple.

If you are purchasing outside the United States, note that Apple has specific commerce restrictions for Iran, North Korea, Sudan, and Syria. [Read more about Apple's Trade Compliance](#). Restrictions in other countries or regions may exist. Longy is not responsible for third-party company policies or global commerce restrictions.

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Recommended Purchases

While not required, Longy strongly recommends the following purchases, depending on your program of study:

- An insurance plan, such as [AppleCare+ for iPad](#)
- A sturdy cover/case for your iPad
- [Apple Pencil](#)
- [Apple Magic Keyboard](#), if you plan to use your iPad to write papers, send emails, or complete assignments in place of a laptop computer.
- A bluetooth pedal controller, such as the [AirTurn DUO 500](#) or the [PageFlip Butterfly](#), for performers who prioritize hands-free page turns.

Note that all contents, components, and pricing listed here are subject to change at any time without notice.