Hardware and Software Procurement

To maximize the University's investment in Information Technology (IT), the procurement of all computing and communication hardware and software is coordinated by the office of University Information Technology (UNIT).

To take advantage of Information Technology tools in the most cost-effective manner possible, the University has standardized on a series of hardware and software products that integrate easily with the University's IT infrastructure. An up-to-date list of supported hardware and software is available from UNIT. When considering the purchase of hardware or software, departments should choose products from this list and coordinate their purchase with UNIT. Where students purchase computer hardware and software to support their studies at Villanova, they should consult with the UNIT-Student Computer Support Center in order to better select products compatible with the University's Information Technology environment.

While the acquisition of standard products is encouraged, some departments have need for special equipment or software not included in the list of supported products. UNIT will consult with the department to select the most appropriate equipment and to work out an agreement for continued support.

Departments who choose to buy IT resources not approved by UNIT are responsible for their implementation and ongoing maintenance. UNIT will not be responsible for interfacing such hardware or software to the campus network or information repository.

In accordance with the University's funding philosophy, costs for the acquisition of IT resources are born by the purchaser.