**Computer Shopping**

**Purpose**

Students will be aware of the financial challenges facing college students, and know some strategies for dealing with them. (Fulfills Goal II.5)

Students will research cost of different computers and learn to differentiate the hardware. This is common to IT professionals. (Fulfills Goal IV.5)

**Requirements**

Do the computer research quiz on Canvas, which will ask for the following:

List the following Specs:

1. Computer Name *(For example: MacBook Pro 13in, 2011; IBM T500 Lenaro)*
2. CPU *(For example: 2.3 GHz dual-core intel core i5 processor; 2.8 ghz core 2 duo 6 MB cache)*
3. Hard Disk *(320 GB; 60 GB ssd 500 HD 720 rpm)*
4. Video Card *(intel HD Graphics 3000; integrated/ATI mobility Radeon HP3650)*
5. Monitor *(13.3in; 15.6in)*
6. Do you have to purchase additional software? If so, what? How much will it cost? *(For example, Adobe Suite, Cost varies if you purchase software or purchase student use.)*
7. Do you need to purchase additional hardware? If so, what? How much will it cost? *(For example, printer, speakers, backup system)*
8. Price for computer? *(For example $1,100; $1,200)*
9. List the total price. *(For example $1,578; $1,200)*

Why did you choose this computer system? Justify your purchase and what you plan to use it for. Make sure that it fits in a real budget for you.

**Rubric**

3 points for computer specs and 2 points for explaining why you chose this computer system.

**Submission**

Complete the Computer Shopping Quiz on Canvas by midnight on the due date in the schedule.