

Software Resources

Students may purchase Microsoft Office 2010 Professional Academic Edition for \$79.95.

<http://www.microsoft.com/student/office/en-us/default.aspx>

This edition includes Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook, OneNote, and Publisher.

Students may miss this opportunity if they purchase the Office Home and Student edition for \$149.99, which only includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and OneNote.

The student must use his/her NC Student e-mail address to purchase this special-priced software.

Students can also download for free Open Office. Open Office includes free programs that are similar to Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

<http://www.openoffice.org/>

Students may also upgrade their operating system to Windows 7 Professional for \$29.99.

<http://www.microsoft.com/student/en/us/windows/buynow/default.aspx>

2007 upgrade was a huge transition for Microsoft Office users for two reasons:

1. The menu bar and tool bar were replaced with the Ribbon
2. The file format was changed to XML format, which is not compatible with previous versions of Microsoft Office.

(Files can be opened with older versions of Microsoft Office by downloading the free compatibility pack:

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?familyid=941b3470-3ae9-4aee-8f43-c6bb74cd1466&displaylang=en>

The 2010 upgrade gives a change that is "Web apps". These new web apps are an example of cloud computing. Microsoft's Web apps are free, web-based versions of Word, PowerPoint, Excel and OneNote. These apps also provide basic tools to access, view, save, and edit documents anytime from anywhere (as long as you have internet access).

<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/web-apps/>

Another resource for our students (from our IT Department) is the Sophos Anti-virus software (FREE); it can be downloaded from MyNC on the Student tab and Staff Intranet tab.

Faculty member can purchase Microsoft Office from our IT Department at a discount.