

# Microsoft Vista and Microsoft Office 2007

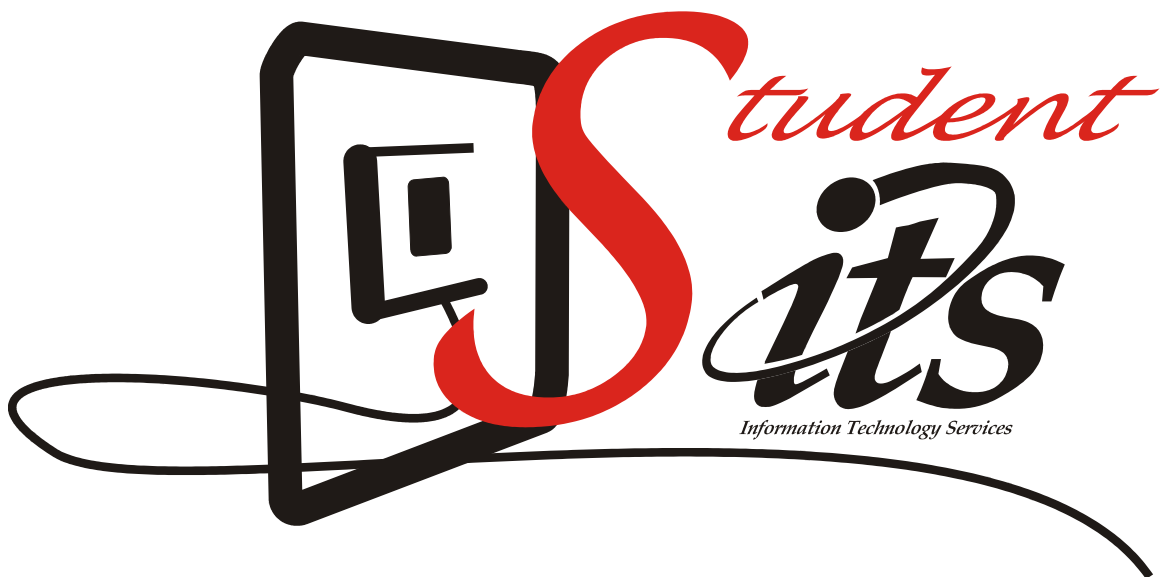
**Available NOW:** Windows Vista Enterprise and Microsoft Office 2007 (IT personnel for training only)

**Coming in April:** Windows Vista Ultimate and Microsoft Office 2007 (for students and work-at-home faculty and staff)

Microsoft's latest operating system, Windows Vista and Office 2007, is being released in several stages. Before using Vista, you need to make sure your system meets the recommended [system requirements](#) and that you are aware of the known compatibility issues.

There are several ways to obtain Windows Vista:

- **Release to Manufacturer (RTM).** Microsoft released Windows Vista Enterprise edition to computer manufacturers (such as Dell) and enterprise customers (such as the university) January. Windows Vista Enterprise edition DVDs will be available to IT personnel in February 2007.
- **Public Release.** [Microsoft's Vista Web site](#) says that the consumer editions of Windows Vista will be available on January 30, 2007. The operating system will be available for students, as well as work-at-home faculty and staff, to purchase at the Campus Computer Store later in the spring 2007 semester.



# Windows Vista

## System Requirements

Before you consider installing Windows Vista, you need to make sure that your computer has the necessary hardware.

Although Microsoft has published [specifications for Windows Vista Capable PCs](#), ITS has found that computers should meet the following specifications to perform adequately with Windows Vista:

- 2.0 GHz Pentium 4 or higher
- 1 GB of RAM or higher
- 60 GB hard disk or higher
- 64 MB video RAM or higher

When running Windows Vista, it is important to note that the more RAM that is available, the better the experience will be. Also, a better video card and more video RAM means that you will be able to run Windows Vista Aero and other user interface enhancements.

