This article reviews how to encrypt your **College-owned Mac**.

### Before You Start

You may need access to the following:

- a stable internet connection
- an *eligible* college-provided Mac

Want to encrypt an email? See [Encryption: Emails in Microsoft 365](#).

### FileVault encryption: what and why

Not all devices are eligible to be encrypted. To determine if yours is, check if Disk Encryption is present in **Step 2: Encrypt**.

- **What**: FileVault is Apple’s built-in encryption program for Macs.
- **Why**: Encryption is critical to the security of your device, and ensures your data is protected in the event it is lost or stolen.

### Encrypt your Mac

Note: The screenshots used below were taken on a device running **macOS Big Sur**. Prior macOS versions may look different.

#### Step 1: back up

#### Step 2: encrypt

#### Step 3: verify encryption

### Questions?

If you have any additional questions or problems, don't hesitate to reach out to the Help Desk!

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