

Can you do CI 1871 on a Macintosh?

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The Windows and Mac versions of Office are different products that share a name and functionality. They can do most of the same things, but the interfaces are different, and Office for Mac is built and maintained by its own team at Microsoft. Office for Windows focuses on business users whereas Office for Mac focuses on creative professionals and consumers. Likewise, Office for Windows optimizes its user experience for Windows users while Office for Mac optimizes its experience for the Mac operating system.

The interfaces are different so following the specific instructions in the textbook and Study Guide sometimes will be challenging if you use a Mac. However, the textbook and Study Guide have many **Tips for Mac Users** to help guide Mac folks. If it becomes too frustrating, then you can do the work in one of the public computer labs on campus. For locations, see <https://it.umn.edu/services-technologies/computer-labs> For the exams, I will try them on both Windows and Mac computers to be sure they will work reasonably well on either platform.

Even though the interfaces are different, the fine points of both versions are very similar. For example, the most difficult part of Excel is the different types of formulas you will create such as:

=SUMIF(Trees!\$F\$15:\$F\$42,Summary!A20,Trees!\$A\$15:\$A\$42)

The good news is that this formula is identical in Windows and Mac versions of Excel so if you learn how to construct it on one platform you will be able to construct it on the other.