

# Tips to help protect your laptop from Viruses and Data Corruption

## **Virus protection**

- Install anti-virus software on your tablet or laptop IMMEDIATELY.
- If you do not already have anti-virus software, you can purchase the "IUWARE" CD at the IPFW bookstore for \$5. The bookstore requires a printed copy of your current class schedule as proof of your student status.
- Keep your anti-virus software UPDATED.
- It is not recommended you install and run multiple anti-virus programs simultaneously.

## **Spyware/Malware protection**

Download one of the following free programs to help protect your laptop from spyware and malware. You will only need to download one.

### **Spybot:**

<http://www.safer-networking.org>

### **Microsoft Windows Defender:**

<http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/spyware/software/default.mspx>

### **Ad-Aware:**

<http://www.lavasoftusa.com>

## **Automatic updates**

Please visit the following site to set your laptop for automatic Microsoft updates.

<http://www.microsoft.com/protect/computer/updates/mu.mspx>

## **Illegal Downloading**

Using peer to peer software and illegally downloading audio, video, software, etc. is not only illegal, but it allows viruses and other programs to easily corrupt your system. AME may choose to limit the number of times they will reimage your unit when you are using such software that could infecting your system.