Technical specifications

This page lists the technology required to successfully study in an online environment.

Essential

- ✓ Access to the internet.

- ✓ A Desktop Computer or Laptop

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Computer specification requirements (Windows) - any brand

- ✓ Intel Core i5 Quad Core processor or AMD equivalent (minimum requirement)

- ✓ GeForce 9300 GE/GS (or later) (or other brand equivalent) Graphics Card

- ✓ At least 250GB storage space (HDD or SSD)

- ✓ CD/DVD Optical drive or USB connected external CD drive

- ✓ Windows 8 or higher (Windows 8.1 or Windows 10 preferred) (Enterprise or Professional edition is optional)

Mac compatibility list:

- ✓ OSX Mountain Lion (OSX 10.8) or up

- ✓ iMac – 2008 or later

- ✓ MacBook Air – 2009 or later

- ✓ MacBook Pro – 2008 or later

Essential requirements (Windows/Mac)

- ✓ • An internet connection with at least 2 Megabytes per second download speed (Broadband/Cable/DSL preferred)
  - Printer (any model/brand)
  - USB Flash Drive (any brand, model and storage space)
  - USB External Hard drive for backup (may use USB Flash drive if it has at least 16 Gigabytes of storage space)
  - Microsoft Office (a free copy of Office 365 is offered to all students)
  - Adobe Reader (to read .pdf files)
  - Adobe Flash Player + Flash Plugin
  - Java 8 Update 101 or later (Windows only) (Java 8 Update 101 is recommended)
  - Mozilla Firefox and/or Google Chrome (to be used as the default browser)
  - Subscription to any Virus Protector (Norton's, McAfee and Avast are most commonly used)
  - Stereo or Mono capable headset (5.1 or 7.1 surround sound not supported)

Optional accessories (Windows/Mac)

- ✓ External USB Mouse (recommended for all laptops)

- ✓ External additional monitor (recommended for all small laptops)

- ✓ External USB drawing pad (discuss with your teacher before purchasing)

Please note: Vision-impaired students may be required to access additional software. Up to the user's discretion.

Parental controls: If you intend to use Parental Controls on the computer, it is recommended you use the default Windows Parental Control system or Mac equivalent. Third-party programs have been known to cause issues (example: Qustodio Parental Control).

Tablets: It is possible to do school work on most tablets (excluding Amazon Kindle or Kindle Fire) but you will be unable to attend class as Please note: Tablets or 2-in-1 laptops that use a Windows operating system will be able to access classes.