

WesternU Computer Requirements

Academic Year: 2018 – 2019

| | Minimum Specifications | Recommended Specifications |
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| Processor/CPU | Intel Core i5 Dual Core (equivalent or better) | Intel Core i5 Quad Core (equivalent or better) |
| Display/Screen | Screen capable of 1024x768 resolution | Screen capable of 1440 x 900 resolution or higher |
| System Memory/RAM | 8GB RAM | 16GB RAM |
| Hard Drive | 250GB+ (SSD highly recommended, but not required) | 250GB+ SSD (Solid-State Drive) |
| Graphics/Video | Integrated Intel HD (equivalent or better) | Dedicated video card |
| Removable Media | CD/DVD combo drive (internal or external) | CD-RW/DVD-RW combo drive (internal or external) |
| Operating System | Windows 7, 8.1, 10 or macOS High Sierra (10.13+) | Windows 10 (64-Bit) or macOS High Sierra (10.13+) |
| Ports | USB 2.0 | USB 3.0 |
| Software | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microsoft Office (Office 365 acct. provided for free) • Internet Explorer 11 (Safari 11 for Mac) • Adobe Reader (updated to newest version) • Anti-Virus w/ updatable virus definitions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Win7: MS Security Essentials (free download) ○ Win8/10: Windows Defender (included) • VLC Media Player (updated to newest version) • Java (updated to newest version) • Flash (updated to newest version) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microsoft Office (Office 365 acct. provided for free) • Internet Explorer 11 (Safari 11 for Mac) • Adobe Reader (updated to newest version) • Anti-Virus w/ updatable virus definitions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Win7: MS Security Essentials (free download) ○ Win8/10: Windows Defender (included) • VLC Media Player (updated to newest version) • Java (updated to newest version) • Flash (updated to newest version) |
| Ethernet | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10/100 internal or adapter (e.g. USB to Ethernet) • Ethernet cable | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10/100/1000 internal or adapter (i.e. USB to Ethernet) • Ethernet cable |
| Wireless/Ethernet | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not required | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not required |
| Webcam | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not required | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Built-in or external webcam |
| Warranty | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not required, but highly recommended <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ See recommended column → | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-Year warranty (warranty duration should match or exceed the years in your program/degree) |

WesternU students may use either Windows-based or Apple computers. We do NOT recommend *netbooks*, *tablets*, *Chromebooks*, or similar devices, as a replacement for a computer; these types of devices do NOT meet the minimum computer requirements and will NOT allow you run required software such as ExamSoft. The exception being *tablets* running full versions of Microsoft Windows (e.g. Surface, Surface Pro, Surface Book, etc.); these devices are recommended because they have a full OS and you can take notes on them via a stylus. Tablets running iOS or Android operating systems are a great secondary device (especially useful for taking notes), but they are not a PC replacement.

Windows XP & Windows Vista are no longer supported by Microsoft nor WesternU TechSupport/IT.

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