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STUDENT COMPUTER PURCHASE GUIDE

This document is designed to serve as a guide for purchasing or upgrading a computer to meet or exceed the system requirements necessary use and access the resources at the College. If you are purchasing a new machine this can be used to ensure you have everything you need to be successful. If you already have a device, you can use this to determine if you will need any upgrades or additional software.

Helpful Tips:

- Your *Operating System* is often overlooked. Make sure you find one that works for you.
- Most modern systems will meet the minimum requirements. However, a system running Window 8 RT, Windows 8.1 RT will NOT work with the required software. This Operating System is most commonly seen on Windows Surface® tablets. Be sure to avoid this *Operating System* entirely when purchasing a new machine.
- Adobe Reader® is a document viewer used to access a file type known as PDF. By default most system come with their own PDF viewer and there are a number of programs out there that imitate it. However, you **MUST** download and exclusively use Adobe Reader®. Other imitations will NOT work and you will lose your work upon saving. Don't learn the hard way!
- All software outlined in the requirements is free and can be downloaded onto any machine. If your new computer does not have it, don't worry! They can easily be downloaded online.

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Common Brands: HP, Dell, Apple (MacBook, iMac), ASUS, Lenovo, etc.

Incompatible System Specifications (DO NOT PURCHASE)

- ⊗ Operating System: Windows 8 RT, Windows 8.1 RT (Often comes with tablets such as the 'Surface® Pro', does not allow installation of VPN Software.

Minimum Computer Requirements

- ✓ High-Speed Internet Access (Cable, DSL, Verizon FIOS)
- ✓ Operating System: Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 10, MAC OS 10.7.3+ (Lion)
- ✓ 4 GB RAM Memory
- ✓ 500 Gigabytes of Available Hard Drive Space
- ✓ Anti-Virus Software, w/ Current Virus Definitions: (ex. Microsoft Security Essential, AVG, etc.)
- ✓ Personal Firewall (ex. Windows Defender)
- ✓ One of the Following Web Browsers: Microsoft Internet Explorer Version, Safari, Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome
- ✓ Adobe Reader DC
- ✓ Supportive Software: Adobe Flash Player, Java, Microsoft Silverlight
- ✓ VPN Software: Cisco Mobility Client & AnyConnect

Recommended Computer Requirements

- ✓ High-Speed Internet Access (Cable, DSL, Verizon FIOS)
- ✓ Operating System: Windows 7, Windows 10, MAC OS 10.10+ (Yosemite)
- ✓ 8 GB RAM Memory
- ✓ 1 Terabyte of Available Hard Drive Space
- ✓ Anti-Virus Software, w/ Current Virus Definitions: (ex. Microsoft Security Essential, AVG, etc.)
- ✓ Personal Firewall (ex. Windows Defender)
- ✓ One of the Following Web Browsers: Microsoft Internet Explorer Version, Safari, Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome
- ✓ Microsoft Office 365
- ✓ Adobe Reader DC
- ✓ Supportive Software: Adobe Flash Player, Java, Microsoft Silverlight
- ✓ VPN Software: Cisco Mobility Client & AnyConnect

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