Carver College of Medicine
2019 Laptop Computer Requirement

Students are required to provide their own laptop for various uses within the curriculum, which may include exams and in-class activities as required by course and clerkship directors.

Following are **recommended configurations** for students wishing to purchase a new laptop:

	Windows Computer	**Apple Computer**
Operating System	Windows 10	Mac OS 10.13 or higher
Memory	8 GB RAM	
Processor Speed	Intel Core i5+	
Hard Drive	500 GB	
External CD/DVD Drive	DVD +/- RW Dual Layer	Super Drive
Wireless (Laptop)	Any card that supports 802.11 g/n protocols and WPA2	Apple WiFi
Ethernet	100/1000 – adapter required if no onboard Ethernet port **or** wireless capability	
Screen	13" - 17" *see note	
Sound card	Headphones or Earphones	
Webcam and Internal Microphone	For video/voice conferencing systems (i.e., Skype, GoToMeeting, etc)	
Warranty	PC, 4-year service contract, Apple 3-year Applecare	
Insurance	Lost/stolen coverage (i.e., LoJack, renters insurance)	

*Note: the screen size must be large enough so that images/pictures embedded within a test can be easily viewed and screen size must be small enough to avoid crowding table space in the testing room. In addition, **students must bring their own laptop power cord and network cable to exams**; a mouse is optional.

The following are the **minimum configurations** for either PC or Mac.

	Windows Computer	**Apple Computer**
Operating System	Windows 10	Mac OS 10.12
Memory	4 GB RAM	
Processor Speed	Intel Core 2 Duo	
Hard Drive	40 GB free disk space	
Ethernet	100/1000 - adapter required if no onboard Ethernet port **or** wireless capability	
Screen	13" - 17"	
Sound card	Headphones or Earphones	

*Note: these are minimum specifications, which are subject to change. Microsoft will stop supporting Windows 7, January 2020.

Support Services

Purchasing a Computer
Students wishing to purchase a new computer can take advantage of purchasing programs sponsored by the University of Iowa: https://its.uiowa.edu/computers-and-devices

SUPPORT AND SOFTWARE CENTER
The University ITS Help Desk provides basic software and troubleshooting support for **current** faculty, staff and students at no cost. This service does not include hardware support. Service details are available at: https://its.uiowa.edu/support/article/300

ITS also has a site that provides information and access to software available to University of Iowa students: https://its.uiowa.edu/get-started/students