

Carver College of Medicine
2024 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 11 *** see note | Mac OS 13 or higher *** see note |
| see Memory | | 16 GB RAM |
| Processor Speed | | Intel Core i5+ |
| Hard Drive | | 500 GB |
| Wireless (Laptop) | Any card that supports 802.11 g/n/ac 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 | |
| USB webcam and microphone | For video/voice conferencing systems (i.e., Skype, Zoom, etc), **see note | |
| 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.

** Laptops typically come with a camera and microphone built-in, but we recommend purchasing an external USB webcam to provide flexibility in placement of the camera and improved quality.

*** Do not install a beta operating system, this will likely cause conflicts with supported applications and limit the usefulness of the laptop until the OS is fully supported.

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

| | Windows Computer | Apple Computer |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Operating System | Windows 10 | Mac OS 12.0 |
| Memory | 8 GB RAM | |
| Processor Speed | Intel Core 2 Duo | |
| Hard Drive | 256 GB | |
| Ethernet | 100/1000 - adapter required if no onboard Ethernet port or wireless capability | |
| Screen | 13" - 17" | |
| Sound card | Headphones or Earphones | |
| Webcam and microphone | For video/voice conferencing systems (i.e., Skype, Zoom, etc) | |

*Note: these are minimum specifications, which are subject to change.

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** students at no cost. This service does not include hardware support. Service details are available at: <https://its.uiowa.edu/contact>

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>