

Student Laptop System Requirements and Recommendations

The Campus Computer Store advises departments about what their recommendations to students should be based on computing and processing needs of classes within the department and types of software frequently used. Based on their recommendations, students in the School of Nursing should have laptops which include the following hardware and software:

Hardware Spec	Minimum	Recommended
Operating system	Mac OS X 10.10 or better Windows 7 or better	
Processor	Intel Core i5 series	Intel Core i7 series or better
Memory	RAM: 4GB	RAM: 8GB
Hard Drive	128GB	256GB SSD (solid state)
Display	11-inch screen or larger, at least 1366x768 resolution	
Ports	Minimum of 1 USB Port	2-3 USB ports
Video Card	Integrated	
Wireless	802.11 a/g/n	
Other		
Microphone	Built-in or external	
Camera/webcam	Built-in or external	

Web Browsers:

To access Web pages and Canvas course materials you may use:

- [Google Chrome](#) (version 29 or later) - recommended
- [Mozilla Firefox](#) (version 3.0 or later)
- [Internet Explorer](#) (8.0 or later)
- [Safari](#) (version 3.0 or later for Macintosh)

Note:

Individual programs and applications used as a part of your course may only work with specific Web browsers. For example, Proctorio, which is used for remote exam proctoring, only works with Google Chrome.

Lockdown Browsers and Remote Proctoring:

Some courses will conduct remotely-proctored tests which means that certain software must be installed and enabled on your computer. Additionally, some exams will require a "locked down browser", meaning that certain browser features will be disabled, such as the ability to open additional tabs or take screenshots.

Proctorio is one of the options available in Canvas for both lockdown browsers and remote proctoring. **Students taking a Canvas course using Proctorio must have the following installed on their laptop computers:**

- Chrome browser
 - [System requirements \(Windows, Mac, Linux\)](#)
- Proctorio browser extension ([download](#))
- Webcam with microphone (USB or internal)
 - Available at the [Campus Computer Store](#)
- Reliable high speed internet connection

Anti-Virus Software:

In order to protect your privacy and the security of UT systems, it is strongly recommended that you install anti-virus software on your laptop and ensure that it is regularly updated.

The [Information Security Office](#) (ISO) endorses the following options for PC and Mac users:

Immunet (PC)

For personally owned computers, the free online [Immunet](#) anti-virus software is recommended.

Sophos & Avast (Mac)

For personally owned Mac computers, the free online [Sophos](#) or [Avast](#) anti-virus software is recommended.

If you have additional questions regarding information security or privacy, contact the ISO:
<https://security.utexas.edu/contact>

Campus Wifi:

Students, faculty and staff have access to the university's wifi network for all on-campus computer needs. However, when asked to work online or download files from systems such as Canvas, students occasionally run out of bandwidth and cannot access files.

Details are here:

<https://ut.service-now.com/utss/KAhome.do?number=KB0011009>

Every student is automatically given 1GB of data (bandwidth on the UT network) per week.

For a (prorated) fee of \$3 per semester, they can buy a subscription and upgrade from 1 to 10GB. If they need more, they can even go up to 50GB or more.

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Tier	Bandwidth/Week	Price per Semester (Prorated)
No Plan	1 GB/week	Free
Tier I 	10 GB	\$3
Tier II 	50 GB	\$4
Tier III 	200 GB	\$6
Tier IV 	500 GB	\$8

Note: Students living in the residence halls must upgrade their subscription plan at Resnet for more bandwidth.

Recommended Subscription Plan By Activity				
Internet Activity	No Plan	Tier I	Tier II	Tier III or IV
Checking email	X	X	X	X
Occasional web browsing	X	X	X	X
Social networking, YouTube, streaming music		X	X	X
Online backup and cloud synchronization			X	X
Streaming video (Hulu,Netflix,Amazon)			X	X

For more information about bandwidth, including how to monitor your bandwidth usage, please visit [Bandwidth Details](#).