

Carver College of Medicine
2025 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 14 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 13
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-technology-guide-students>