



Computer Requirements

Below details the minimum specifications for computing requirements for Distance Ed. Additional recommendations are also listed to improve your digital learning experience.

Operating System

Microsoft Windows 7, 8 or 10 required (64 bit version recommended)
Apple Mac OS X - 10.9 Mavericks, 10.10 Yosemite, 10.11 El Capitan or later version

Memory (RAM)

4GB RAM minimum (8+GB Recommended)

Storage

60GB Hard Disk Drive minimum (120+GB Recommended)
Solid state drives are better but not essential

Optical Drive

DVD-ROM drive - Can be internal drive or an external USB DVD drive.
Recordable versions are available if you want to backup data to DVD Disc.

Screen

Any monitor or laptop screen that support 1280 pixels wide resolution or above.

Headset

USB headset (headphones and microphone) Simple lower cost units are fine. Eg. Logitech H340
*Surround Sound Gaming Headsets are not compatible and wont work.
Noise cancelling feature provides clearly communication.

USB Ports

Recommend several USB ports or you may require a USB hub. (Powered version better)

USB Memory Stick / Hard Drive

These are quick easy low cost devices to backup your data.

Printer / Scanner / Multifunction Device (Scan and print in same device)

USB or Networked devices are ideal.
Scanner to scan documents or photos etc.

Printer:

Inkjet Printer option - Low cost to buy initially, good photo printing, ink is expensive for small cartridges, print nozzles can clog if not regularly used.

Laser Printer option - Initial cost is higher, toner is a lot bigger cartridge so more prints before replacing, no issue with nozzles. (Can get black only or colour versions)

Internet connection

Good quality broadband connection is preferred. (Make sure you have internet security/antivirus installed)

Telephone

Landline - you can dial in for audio conferencing. (optional)
Headsets, splitters to connect two headsets and speaker phone options are available for specific phones.
**For most up to date options available to you, consult your phone provider company*