

College of Pharmacy Student Technology Recommendations

All College of Pharmacy Students are expected to have a personal laptop and headphones/headset with microphone for use in in-class instructional activities.

General Recommendations:

To ensure compatibility with the software used by the College of Pharmacy, we recommend that students have a Windows or OSX (Mac) laptop computer. We do not recommend using Chromebooks or Chrome OS devices, as they have limited to no compatibility with several essential programs. Please note that new software versions often only support devices made within a certain number of years prior, so please keep that in mind when evaluating your needs—an older device that supports the needed software now may not be fully compatible by the end of your educational program.

Please remember to keep any battery-powered devices or accessories charged for when you will need them. You are responsible for making sure your personal equipment is ready for academic work.

Windows:

- Operating System: Windows 10 Home, Pro, or Enterprise ***Not Windows 10 S or Windows RT***
- Hard drive: 128GB or larger hard drive. Recommended: SSD (solid state drive), ***not a hybrid drive***
- RAM: 4GB or more. Recommended 8GB or more
- Webcam and microphone: Recommend a webcam and microphone for video conferencing, either integrated or separate USB webcam/microphone combo
- Accessories: Recommend having a USB or wireless headset

Mac:

- Operating System: OS X 10.14 (Mojave) or higher ***Note: Macs made before mid-2012 cannot be updated to these OSX versions***
- Hard drive: 128GB or larger SSD hard drive, ***not a hybrid drive***
- RAM: 4GB minimum, recommend 8GB or more
- Webcam and microphone: Recommend a webcam and microphone for video conferencing, either integrated or a separate USB webcam/microphone combo
- Accessories: Recommend a USB or wireless headset

Tablets:

The Microsoft Surface line of devices includes tablets with detachable keyboards. These particular tablets run full versions of Microsoft Windows, and fall under the Windows guidelines.

iPad:

Note: We do not recommend using an iPad as your only device. However, you may find them useful as a secondary device to a laptop or desktop

- Any iPad that supports iPad OS 13 or later

USB Webcam and microphone for videoconferencing:

- Minimum resolution 720p/30fps with Universal clip for laptops, LCD or monitor or better

Headphones/Headset with Microphone (required for in-classroom, breakout groups via Zoom)

- **RECOMMENDED:** wired 3.5mm (4 conductor, 4 pole, TRRS) connector or,
- Bluetooth*
- Noise-cancellation (for best experience)

*Students wishing to use Bluetooth or wireless headphones/headsets are strongly encouraged to have a wired set of back-up headphones. No headphones or headsets will be available for checkout in the event of pairing or charging issues.