

# South University Minimum Technology Requirements

All on campus and online students will need a computer and certain technology to complete their studies.

## Laptop or a Desktop?

Students can use either a laptop or a desktop computer, based on their preferences. A laptop will offer more portability and flexibility. It is recommended that computers be no more than 3 years old at the start of a program.

## Chromebooks, Tablets, Smartphones, & Other Devices

Chromebooks (Chrome OS), tablets/iPads, and smartphones do not meet the minimum requirements for coursework at SU. SU recognizes these devices are convenient and can be used for some course functions, but they cannot be your primary device, nor can they be your only device. These devices offer limited functionality and will not work with some courseware used at SU. They should be considered supplemental devices to your primary computer/laptop.

## General Hardware and Software Requirements

Below are the general requirements for South University courses. Additional hardware and software requirements vary by program and will be listed with course materials or provided during program orientation.

Name	Minimum Requirements	Recommended Requirements
<b>Operating System*</b>	Windows MacOS (latest vendor supported versions)	Windows (latest vendor supported versions)
<b>Processor</b>	2 GHz or faster	Multicore 2.5 GHz or faster
<b>RAM</b>	8 GB	8+ GB
<b>Monitor Resolution</b>	1280 x 800 display (1280 x 1024 recommended) with 16-bit color	
<b>Video</b>	HD compatible graphics video card	
<b>Hard Drive</b>	100 GB	120+ GB
<b>Sound</b>	Speakers required	Speakers or headset or earbuds with microphone
<b>Internet Connection</b>	2.5 Mbps**	5 Mbps upload speed, 10 Mbps download speed
<b>Web Camera &amp; Microphone</b>	Internal or external webcam with integrated microphone.	
<b>Microsoft Office</b>	Microsoft Office 365 is available free of charge and provided to all active South University students.	
<b>Web Browser</b>	Latest version of Google Chrome, Firefox, Edge, or Safari browsers. *Internet Explorer is not a supported browser	
<b>Anti-Virus &amp; Anti-Spyware</b>	Any current anti-virus software. Check your internet service provider as they may offer this software free of charge to subscribers.	
<b>PDF Viewer/Reader</b>	Latest version of any PDF viewer/reader.	
<b>Media Player</b>	Any currently supported media player for mp3, mp4, wav, etc. files	

\*Some course specific software and Windows applications may not be compatible with Mac or Linux based computers.

\*\* Students who have online proctoring as part of their program may need a minimum of 5Mbps upload speed and 10Mbps download speed.

Note: Students who use personal devices to complete on-campus assessments may need additional items (i.e. privacy screen). Programs will inform students of unique hardware needs.