



Technology Requirements

Laptops and Computers

You will need consistent access to a computer in order to access some online content and to complete online quizzes. While we don't recommend specific computers, we recommend that the laptop that you use, or purchase meets the requirements listed below.

Minimum Requirements – Laptops and Computers

Operating System:

- Windows 11 (22H2 or later)
- macOS 13 (Ventura) or higher

CPU:

- Intel Core i5 (12th Gen or newer)
- AMD Ryzen 5 (5000 series or newer)
- Apple M1 or later (for Macs)

Memory (RAM):

- Minimum: 8 GB
- Recommended: 16 GB (for multitasking and video conferencing)

Storage:

- Minimum: 256 GB SSD
- Recommended: 512 GB SSD or more (especially for storing large files or apps)

Webcam & Microphone:

- Built-in or external (720p minimum; 1080p recommended for clear video calls)

Unsupported or Discouraged Devices:

- Chromebooks (limited software compatibility)
- iPads/Tablets with mobile OS (unless explicitly supported by software platform)
- ARM-based Windows laptops (e.g., Windows on Snapdragon) may have compatibility issues

We do not support the use of Chromebooks. iPads and other touchscreen enabled

laptops or tablets may also have trouble supporting certain online programs.

If you are a remote or online student, you may have trouble completing coursework if your computer does not meet the requirements above.

If you plan to purchase a new computer, you can find student discounts below.

[Dell Store with Ursuline Student Discount](#)

[Apple Education Discount Store](#)

Internet

You will need access to reliable internet connection for this course and others. D2L and other programs may be functional using a mobile device, but you should not rely on a mobile device as the sole method for completing your coursework.

Supported Browsers

Please use the [Brightspace System Check](#) to confirm you're using an acceptable browser. Firefox, Chrome, Edge, and Safari are supported browsers. For more information on desktop and mobile browser support, review the [Brightspace Browser Support page](#).

Office 365

As a member of Ursuline College, you can download the latest version of Office 365 to your personal device.

Webcams and Microphones

Some courses may require you to participate in online meetings or to complete video presentations. You will need a microphone and camera on your device to complete these activities.

Some coursework may be able to be completed using a smartphone's camera and microphone but using a smartphone to complete coursework should be for emergencies only.

Webcam-enabled laptops are available for use in the Besse Library.