COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW STUDENTS

The USC School of Medicine Greenville operates on a bring your own device (BYOD) technology model. This allows our users to work on computers that they are already comfortable with while maintaining a consistent platform for delivery of software and learning materials. To achieve this, we will provide each incoming student with a virtual desktop that can be accessed both on and off campus from anywhere with at least a 3Mbps internet connection. A current model Apple iPad for accessing recorded lectures and digital text books will also be provided. Microsoft Office software will be provided through the virtual desktop.

To ensure that you have the best possible educational experience we are providing the following requirements and recommendations for your computer selection. The minimum requirements are needed to access the required systems, and the recommended configurations are based on what will provide the best user experience based on data from our existing faculty, staff and student body with how they typically use their computers both accessing the virtual network and standalone.

**General Recommendations**

While it is possible to access your virtual desktop from a variety of devices such as smart phones, tablets, tablet/computers, laptops etc... it is recommended to have at least a 12” screen and a physical keyboard (not on screen) for extended use.
Mac Users:

Minimum
- Any current 64-bit Intel based Mac
- OS X 10.9 (Mavericks) or higher
- 4GB RAM

Recommended
- Intel Core M, i5 or i7
- macOS Sierra (10.12)
- 8GB+ RAM

Required
- Antivirus
  Some options include: Sophos, Kaspersky & Avast


Windows Users

Minimum
- Windows 7 (32 or 64 bit)
- Home, Enterprise, Professional/Business, Ultimate
- 4GB+ RAM
- 1GHz Processor

- Windows 8 / 8.1
- Basic, Pro, Enterprise
- 4GB+ RAM
- 1GHz Processor

**Recommended**

- Windows 7 (64 bit)
- Home, Enterprise, Professional/Business, Ultimate
- 8GB RAM
- Intel Core M, i5 or i7 processor

- Windows 8/8.1/10
- Home, Pro, Enterprise
- 8GB+ RAM
- Intel Core M, i5 or i7 processor

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**Examples:** HP, Lenovo, Dell, MS Surface Pro 4

**Windows RT is not supported**

You will be responsible for the care of your computer, however our IT staff is available to assist with basic troubleshooting and configuration.