

Applicants are required to purchase their own laptop and must bring it to Orientation Day and every day for classes. If you already own a laptop, and it meets the minimum hardware specifications, it can be used; however, we recommend you refresh your computer for optimal performance.

Laptop Considerations

- Laptop must be either a Windows-based or Mac system. ***Windows-based system is recommended for compatibility with our back end which runs on a Microsoft platform.***
- Productivity tools such as Microsoft Office 365 will be provided to students by RRC.
- An optical drive is optional but not required for your program.
- Consider investing in a quality laptop that will last you years beyond the duration of your program.
- RRC does not assist with or support physical hardware repair on computers. It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements with a third-party vendor.**
- The following devices are ***NOT ADEQUATE*** or acceptable for the technological requirements of our program and will not be supported: ***Chromebooks and/or tablets (such as Apple iPad, Samsung Galaxy, Google Pixelbook, etc.), cannot be used as your primary device.***
- RRC does not offer recommendations on where or which brand of laptop to purchase. Laptops may be purchased online or through any retail store/outlet, if the minimum specifications are met.

Minimum Hardware Specification for Windows PC

Component	Minimum	Recommended	Notes
Operating System	Windows 10 (English Version) Properly Licensed	Windows 11 Home Ed. (English Version)	Win8 is NOT acceptable.
Processor	PC Laptop w/ Intel Core i3 – 11 th Gen or newer	PC Laptop w/ Intel Core i5 11 th Gen or newer	AMD Ryzen 3 or 5 processor is acceptable.
Memory	8+ GB Ram	16 GB Ram	More is better.
Hard Disk Drive OR Solid-State Drive	500 GB 120 GB	750 GB 256 GB	Supplement external, cloud storage is sufficient.
Display	12"+	13"+	12.5" – 14" offers best balance between usability and portability.
Wi-Fi	IEEE 802.11n Specification	IEEE 802.11ax	There are minimal LAN connections. Your Wi-Fi needs to meet standards.
Ports	1 USB 2.0 Headphone HDMI	2 USB 2.0+ Headphone HDMI 1.4b RJ45 connection	The more ports available, the more options you have.
Battery	Lithium ion or battery life of 3+ hours	Lithium polymer or battery life of 4.5+ hours	Minimal electrical outlets. Battery condition is important
Other Software	Only 1 antivirus program is needed if installed on the computer. Remove all expired trial version software from laptop. Preferably only have academic related apps installed.		

Minimum Hardware Specification for Macbook

Component	Minimum
Operating System	Mac OS X v10.12+
Processor	1.6 GHz Core i5 or higher
Memory	8+ GB Ram
Solid State Drive OR Hard Disk Drive	128 GB 320 GB
Display	12"+
Wi-Fi	IEEE 802.11n Specification
Ports	USB 3.0, Thunderbolt 2, Headphone