

**Applicants are required to purchase their own PC 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 re-image or do a fresh re-install of your operating system.

**Laptop considerations:**

- Your 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 or support with 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. Netbooks, 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, as long as the minimum specifications are met.

**Minimum Hardware Specification for Windows PC:**

<u>Component</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Recommended</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Operating System	Windows 7 Home Ed. (English Version) Properly licensed	Windows 10 Home Ed. (English Version)	Windows XP and Vista are <b>NOT</b> acceptable.
Processor	PC Laptop w/ Intel Core i3 – 2.1+ GHz Processor OR Higher	PC Laptop w/ Intel Core i5 – 1.9+ GHz	AMD Dual-Core processor is acceptable.
Memory	4+ GB Ram	8 GB Ram	More is better.
Hard Disk Drive OR Solid-State Drive	500 GB  120 GB	750 GB  240 GB	Supplement external, cloud storage is suffice.
Display	12"+	13"+	12.5" - 14" offers best balance between usability and portability.
Wi-Fi	IEEE 802.11n Specification	IEEE 802.11ac	There are minimal LAN connections. Your Wi-Fi component needs to meet standard.

<i>Ports</i>	<i>1 USB 2.0 Headphone VGA or HDMI</i>	<i>2 USB 2.0+ HDMI 1.4b RJ45 connection</i>	<i>The more ports available the more options you have.</i>
<i>Battery</i>	<i>Lithium ion or battery life of 3+ hours</i>	<i>Lithium polymer or battery life of 4.5+ hours</i>	<i>Minimal electrical outlet, battery condition is important.</i>
<i>Other Software</i>	<i>File sharing programs and apps should not be installed. Only 1 antivirus program is needed if installed on computer. Remove all expired trial version software from laptop.</i>		

**Minimum Hardware Specification for *Macbook*:**

<u><i>Component</i></u>	<u><i>Minimum</i></u>
<i>Operating System</i>	<i>Mac OS X v10.8+</i>
<i>Processor</i>	<i>1.6GHz Core i5 or higher</i>
<i>Memory</i>	<i>4+ GB Ram</i>
<i>Solid State Drive or Hard Disk Drive</i>	<i>128 GB or 320 GB</i>
<i>Display</i>	<i>12"+</i>
<i>Wi-Fi</i>	<i>IEEE 802.11n Specification</i>
<i>Ports</i>	<i>USB 3.0, Thunderbolt 2, Headphone</i>