Recommended Minimum Hardware and Software Requirements

The following are the recommended requirements for purchasing a Notebook computer. A netbook or tablet should not be used as the main or primary device. A Chromebook, Netbook or tablet such as an Apple iPad or Galaxy Tab run on an operating system that does NOT meet the minimum requirements below. You MAY use a Microsoft Surface Pro or Surface Book if it meets the criteria below. The Microsoft Surface Go*** is not recommended as a primary device.

Windows-based Computer	Macintosh Computer
Intel Core I series or AMD Processor	Macbook Air or Macbook Pro
240 GB hard drive or larger	240 GB hard drive or larger
At least 4GB of memory	At least 4GB of memory
Administrator Account Permissions	Administrator Account Permissions
Wireless Capability	Wireless Capability
Windows 10 Pro, Windows 10 Home or higher***	Mac OS X 10.15 or higher
Microsoft Office 365 or Office 2013, 2016 or later**	Microsoft Office 365 for Mac** Standard or Student Edition 2011, 2016 or later
Antivirus software*	Antivirus software*

* Check with your instructors before purchasing a computer with a CD/DVD. You can also purchase an external CD/DVD if needed.

** Microsoft Office 365 can be downloaded free from this site: http://www.samford.edu/ts Select Services; Student services; Microsoft Office for Students. Follow the instructions on this page.

*** Windows 10 S is not fully supported at this time. If you have Windows 10 S I would recommend upgrading to Windows 10 Pro from the Microsoft Store.

- Antivirus Software - These recommendations come from the Campus Technology site. Each program is free and it only takes a few minutes to download and install. **Only install one of these anti-virus programs.** If you have any questions or need help feel free to contact Chris Roper at clroper@samford.edu. Disregard if you already have an anti-virus program installed on your computer.

- Panda Cloud Antivirus http://www.cloudantivirus.com/en/

- AVG Free http://free.avg.com/download?prd=afe

- You will also need updates for the following programs for viewing online lectures, pdf files, etc.

    - Silverlight – getsilverlight.microsoft.com
    - Java – www.java.com
    - Adobe Flash and Reader – get.adobe.com