

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS



Laptop & Desktop Computers

All MATC students must have regular access to a *laptop or desktop* computer to complete course-work. Please refer to these guidelines when preparing for class.



Hardware Requirements

CPU	Intel i3 processor or higher; or equivalent AMD 64-bit processor
Memory	4 GB RAM or higher
Hard Drive	500 GB or higher
Screen	15 inch color monitor (at least 1024x768 resolution recommended)
Internet Connectivity	Ethernet or reliable Wi-Fi connection
Battery Life	4 hours or higher
Peripherals	Sound card, speakers, printer
Storage	USB flash drive, external hard drive, or cloud storage

**Optional: A headset with microphone is recommended for use with Blackboard Collaborate or Google Hangout video conference calls*

Supported Operating Systems

Windows	Windows 10, Windows 8, Windows 7
Mac OSx	10.13, 10.12, 10.11; 10.10
Chrome OS	Chromebook with Chrome Browser – Some limitations apply (see below).

**Respondus Lockdown Browser, Microsoft applications, or content requiring browser plugins may be inaccessible on Chrome OS.*

**Older versions of Windows and Mac are not supported, but may still access Blackboard with a supported web browser. Use with caution.*

**Linux operating systems are not compatible with MATC's online learning software.*

Supported Web Browsers

[Google Chrome 49+](#) [Mozilla Firefox 48+](#) [Safari 9+](#) [Edge 20+](#)

**Internet Explorer, Opera, AOL, and CompuServe browsers are not supported..*

**Content requiring [Java](#), [QuickTime](#), [SilverLight](#), or [Adobe Flash](#) plugins may only be accessible in the Mozilla Firefox or Safari desktop browser.*

**If you are unsure if your browser is supported or experience technical problems, use the [browser tester](#) and review the [Browser Problems Guide](#).*

**Download [Blackboard app](#) to view course materials on a mobile device. Note - some content and tools may only be accessible in desktop browser.*

Free Recommended Software

[Microsoft Office 365 for Education](#) – Download full versions of Word, PowerPoint, and Excel with your MATC Gmail address.

[Google Drive](#) – Cloud-based software and storage available when logged into MATC Gmail.

[Virtual Desktop](#) – Access software applications remotely through your MATC network account.

[Adobe Reader](#) – Program for viewing PDF documents.