

# Computer Requirements for COM

## Policy

All incoming students to the UT College of Medicine are required to have a laptop computer that is capable of access to the Internet. The College of Medicine provides students with access to campus-based computer labs, but due to the limited number of workstations available and use by other colleges, it is necessary for students to have their own computers.

Students who plan to use their current or newly purchased laptop computers must ensure the equipment meets the minimum requirements outlined below to allow for adequate connectivity to UT systems. Computers must have programs capable of network connection to the Internet and of performing basic functions in word processing, spreadsheet calculations, multimedia (imaging, video, and sound) and e-mail. Students are also advised to purchase a printer, but access to campus-based printers is available. Costs of a computer, Internet connection, printer, and software may be included in financial aid requests. In addition, we recommend students consider purchasing a tablet computer (iPad, Android, etc.).

## Network Availability

UTHSC provides on-campus access to the Internet to all faculty, staff, and students. All UTHSC buildings have wireless access but limited plug-in access for Ethernet. The campus uses the Duo mobile app for two-factor authentication when logging into UTHSC internet resources. Students will need to download the Duo mobile app by following the instructions found at this link: <https://www.uthsc.edu/its/cybersecurity/documents/installing-duo-mobile-app.pdf>. Instructions for using the app can be found at <https://www.uthsc.edu/its/cybersecurity/documents/first-time-duo-use.pdf>.

## Windows and Mac Laptop Requirements

- Intel Core i5 processor minimum - i7 preferred
- Operating System;
  - Windows 10
  - Macintosh macOS 10.14.1 or newer
- 8 GB of RAM or greater
- 13 inch or larger screen [recommended] with 1024 x 768 or greater resolution
- 500 GB Solid-State hard drive
- Built-in Ethernet recommended (students will also need a standard 6 ft. long Ethernet cable)
- Built in Wireless card 802.11n minimum
- Malwarebytes: go to <https://my.malwarebytes.com/en/edu/email> and enter your [netid@uthsc.edu](mailto:netid@uthsc.edu) address. You will be emailed a link to download Malwarebytes
- Webcam and microphone (many laptops come with an integrated webcam and microphone)

# **Recommendations**

## **Software**

- Microsoft Office 365 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Web browser – Windows Edge and/or Firefox, Safari, or Chrome
- Adobe Acrobat Reader
- Windows built-in media player, VLC for Macintosh

## **Internet Service Provider**

- High-speed access

## **Printer**

- High quality ink-jet or laser printer
- The College of Medicine will make syllabi, handouts, and PowerPoint presentations available in digital form for easy download to laptops and tablets. Students who wish to have paper copies can print using the kiosks on the 920 Madison Building or in the HSL computer labs. COM students are allotted 6000 free pages of print over the course of the four-year curriculum.

## **Tablet computer**

- Some students find iPads or similar devices as useful substitutes for the texts and notes required during study. The COM uses several online texts in the curriculum that are provided free through the library.