

# Windows 10 Minimum Hardware Specification

## IMPORTANT: COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS

To be successful the University of Providence encourages students to use a **MS Windows** computer (laptop or desktop) for classes and assignments.

### **Student Already Has a Computer:**

If a student is going to be using a computer they already own, it needs to meet the minimum requirements for running Microsoft Office 2016/365. *Be sure the computer is updated with all current Microsoft updates, free from viruses/malware, and is in good working order.*

### **Student Wishing to Purchase a Computer:**

If a student wishes to purchase a new computer, University of Providence IS Services advises the following minimum specifications:

- Operating system –**Windows 10**  
(Windows 8.0, Windows XP, or Windows Vista will not work for academic purposes)
- Processor - Intel® Core™ i5-7300HQ Processor or higher **OR AMD Ryzen 3 1300 Processor or higher**
- Screen size - 17.0-inch diagonal HD LED (smaller screens can be difficult when using MS Office)
- Memory - 4GB DDR4 System Memory
- Hard drive - 250GB 5400 rpm Hard Drive

Apple computers are usually supported as long as they are running OSX or higher. Please ensure that you have FireFox installed as your browser. **University of Providence's professors teach with Windows-based versions of Microsoft programs. For compatibility with the instruction and assignments, a Microsoft Windows 10 based computer is strongly encouraged.**

### **Student Software Requirements:**

Microsoft Office 2016 Professional or higher / Office 365 full version

Internet Explorer 11 and Mozilla Firefox 62.0 or higher

A reliable high-speed internet connection is required for various coursework in both on-campus and distance programs.

Please note: **Some courses and programs may have additional software or hardware requirements.**

IS Questions?

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