



## **Will I need a computer?**

Each USA residential student is required to have a laptop computer which can access the University's wireless network for course notes, exams, and the online course platform. Post professional students are required to have daily access to a computer with reliable high speed internet and video camera.

Most new or recently manufactured computers will easily meet or exceed our requirements.

### **Laptop/Computer Requirements**

#### **Components**

Processor	Any Dual Core Processor (Pentium E or Later)
RAM	4 GB or more for Windows 7/8/10, Mac OS X 10.9 or later
Video Card	Any DirectX compatible graphics chipset
Sound Card	Any soundcard that functions with the above requirements
Wi-Fi Card	Any compliant 802.11 g/n wireless card
Hard Disk Drive	Any storage device with sufficient free space for course materials

Microsoft Office is the preferred office suite. You can access Microsoft Office Online apps and Microsoft OneDrive using your USA email login. You can quickly create and save new Office documents when you're signed into Office 365.

The campus supports 802.11g/n/ac wireless standards. In order to successfully connect to the wireless network while on campus your computer or tablet will need to conform to the 802.11g/n/ac standards.

Make sure your computer has reliable anti-virus software installed. Microsoft Security Essentials (free), Norton and Trend Micro (paid) are some common offerings, but there are many excellent free anti-virus solutions also available on the internet. Please be aware that sharing files or just surfing the net is bound to get your computer infected without an anti-virus solution!

If you're buying a new computer, consider getting one with a 3-year factory (not a third-party) warranty. Laptop parts are fragile and many are brand-specific. They often need factory servicing because of their proprietary parts. That warranty will get you through much of your degree program and your computer will be technically obsolete by the time the warranty runs out.

## ***Information Services***

### ***University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences***

*\*Can USAHS fix my computer? Answer: No, we have a strict policy that technicians are not allowed to work on student owned computers. Technicians are allowed to help you with web applications used by the university.*

*\* The University of St Augustine does not recommend or endorse any particular vendor or product. The content of this email is provided as a guide to help students find appropriate resources.*