

# UHCOM Minimum Technology Recommendations

The University of Houston College of Medicine (UHCOM) uses a technology-rich curriculum. The following recommendations are made with student success in mind.

## Hardware

The College of Medicine supports either Windows or Mac computers but does not recommend using a tablet, netbook, Chromebook, iPad, or phone as a primary computing device. Surface tablets are acceptable devices to use during medical school. In some cases, there may be tasks that can be completed using iPads and similar devices, you will NOT be able to complete exams with an Android tablet, Chromebook, netbook, or iPad.

Students in the College of Medicine may be eligible for financial aid budget adjustments to cover the purchase of a computer. Contact Justin Ziemann, Scholarships and Financial Aid: [jnzieman@central.uh.edu](mailto:jnzieman@central.uh.edu)



## Technical Recommendations

Component	Minimum
Processor	Intel Core i5 (1.4 GHz)
RAM	8GB
Hard Disk	250GB
Display	1080p
Networking	Wireless 802.11
Warranty	3 years or more
Operating System	Windows 10 or Mac OS 10.13 High Sierra (or later)
Internet	Broadband internet access, minimum download 7Mbps.
Browser	Google Chrome browser recommended for LMS.



## Recommended Models

These computers meet or exceed the minimum requirements and can be purchased on campus at CougarByte or through their website [CougarByte.com](http://CougarByte.com)

 4333 University Dr, Houston, TX 77004  
 (713) 743-8507



**\$1,079.95**  
Retail \$1,229.99  
Product ID: 1788327

Microsoft Surface Pro 7 Bundle i5/8/128GB - Type Cover/Pen



**\$719.95**  
Retail \$749.99  
Product ID: 1810886

Dell Inspiron 15 5000 (5591) 2-in-1 Computer Cfg 2 Touch Silver 15.6in FHD i5-10210U/8/256GB



**\$951.95**  
Product ID: 1786554

Dell Latitude 3000 3301 13.3 inch Notebook  
1920 x 1080 - Core i7 i7-8565U - 8 GB RAM - 256 GB SSD



**\$1,044.95**  
Product ID: 1788284

Microsoft Surface Laptop 3, 13.5 inch i5/8GB/128GB - Platinum

## Student Responsibilities

Students will be responsible for having a working device that meets the minimum requirements. Our curriculum incorporates the following tasks:

- Accessing and downloading course files (documents, presentations, videos, etc.)
- Uploading assignment files (documents, presentations, videos, etc.)
- Taking Quizzes and Exams
- Posting to Discussion Boards
- Accessing resources through different browsers
- Taking notes/annotating resources
- Presenting student created files/media through a data projector. Our lecture halls and classrooms are equipped with Windows PCs for use by presenters.

## Recommended Accessories

- We recommend a 1TB or greater external drive – especially if your laptop's hard drive is smaller than 1TB. Backups of your key documents, data, and operating system are critical in case of laptop failure or loss.
- Charging cable for laptop
- Webcam
- Headphones, earbuds, or other audio/ speakers
- Smartphone – iPhone or Android device with charging cable
- A large external display (19" or larger) for home can be helpful when viewing virtual slides as well as opening multiple documents simultaneously.
- Some students find that having a printer at home is helpful.