

**Recommended MINIMUM Hardware and Software Requirements  
Incoming Students for 2017-2018**

**\*\*COMPUTERS/TABLETS OVER 5 YEARS OLD ARE NOT RECOMMENDED\*\***

**Laptop: Either Window-based or Macintosh Computer**

- 2.5 GHz or faster processor, dual core or greater
- 240 GB hard drive
- 4 GB memory
- 12" or larger monitor or screen
- Privacy filter (at least 60 degrees)
- USB port
- Wired Ethernet port
- Wireless capability (WPA2 Enterprise-Compatible)
- Antivirus software\*\*
- Administrator level account permissions
- Additional computer specifications unique to laptop type are listed in the table below:

<b>Window-based Computer</b>	<b>Macintosh Computer</b>
Windows 7 64 bit or Windows 8 (professional)	Operating System: OS X 10.9 (Mavericks), OS X 10.10 (Yosemite), and OS X 10.11 (El Capitan). Only genuine versions of Mac Operating Systems are supported
64 bit Microsoft Office 365***	Microsoft Office 365 for Mac*** Standard or Student Edition 2011 or later
Screen Resolution must be 1024x768 or higher	
Adobe Reader (Version 9, 11, or DC) is required for exams containing PDF attachments	

\*Recommend purchasing a computer with a CD/DVD drive because some textbooks and materials are on a CD/DVD only, check with [your instructors](#) before purchasing a computer without a CD/DVD drive such as a Netbook or Macbook Air.

\*\*\* Windows 10 S is not fully supported at this time. If you have Windows 10 S I would recommend upgrading to Windows 10 Pro from the Microsoft Store.

\*\*Antivirus Software - These recommendations come from the Campus Technology site. Each program is free and it only takes a few minutes to download and install. **Only install one of these anti-virus programs.** If you have any questions or need help feel free to contact Chris Roper ([croper@samford.edu](mailto:croper@samford.edu); 205-726-4478). Disregard if you already have an anti-virus program installed on your computer.

- Microsoft Security Essentials [http://www.microsoft.com/security\\_essentials/](http://www.microsoft.com/security_essentials/)
- Panda Cloud Antivirus <http://www.cloudantivirus.com/en/>
- Avast! <http://www.avast.com/eng/download-avast-home.html>
- Avira AntiVir [http://www.free-av.com/en/download/1/avira\\_antivir\\_personal\\_free\\_antivirus.html](http://www.free-av.com/en/download/1/avira_antivir_personal_free_antivirus.html)
- AVG Free <http://free.avg.com/download?prd=afe>

\*\*\*Microsoft Office 365 can be downloaded free from this site: <http://www.samford.edu/ts>. Select Services; Student services; Microsoft Office for Students. Follow the instructions on this page. You will also need updates for the following programs for viewing online lectures, pdf files, etc.

- Silverlight – [getsilverlight.microsoft.com](http://getsilverlight.microsoft.com)

- Java – [www.java.com](http://www.java.com)
- Adobe Flash and Reader – [get.adobe.com](http://get.adobe.com) (Adobe Reader (Version 9, 11, or DC))

### **Surface Pro Requirements**

- Surface Pro 3 & 4 (Non-Pro Surface devices are NOT supported)
- External keyboard (USB or Bluetooth) required. Bluetooth keyboards must be paired.
- Hard Drive: 1GB or higher available space
- Adobe Reader XI
- USB port (newer devices may require an adaptor)
- Internet connection
- Screen Resolution must be 1920x1080

### **Tablet Requirements**

- Hardware = iPad Air, iPad Air 2, iPad Pro 7.9-inch or 12.9-inch display. Larger screen size preferred.
- NOT recommended: iPad mini 2 and iPad mini 4 (screen too small for taking exams)
- Operating System = iOS 8, iOS 9 and iOS 10 (Only genuine versions of iOS are supported)
- High capacity of free space (recommend at least 64 GB)
- iPad must not be Jailbroken