

Minimum Computer Requirements – Class of 2022

All incoming (Class of 2022), anyone beginning with the College of Medicine, and/or any current student replacing a laptop in the College of Medicine are required to have a laptop computer commencing in July 2018. The primary use of the computer will be to take College of Medicine exams. In addition to testing, the laptops will prove useful in accessing Upstate’s Health Science Library’s resources, the University’s Blackboard Course Management System, digital recordings of lectures and other instructional resources.

Most laptops purchased new in the last three (3) years will be more than adequate for the exam testing applications with the possible exception of adequate RAM. It is recommended that consideration be given to upgrading the computer’s RAM to 8GB.

The campus has no preference for a particular computer manufacturer provided the computer supports either the Windows or Macintosh operating systems. Students at Upstate Medical University’s College of Medicine are required to provide their own laptop for these examinations.

The minimum technical requirements of the laptop are as follows:

	Windows	Macintosh
Operating System	Windows 7, 8 or 10*	OS X 10.9 or higher
Processor	2.4 Ghz Intel Core 2 Duo or Greater 8 GB of RAM, 160 GB hard drive	
Screen Size	No smaller than 13” 1024x768 at 32bits	
Wireless Capabilities	Compatible with 802.11 g or n	
Applications	<i>Microsoft Office, Adobe Reader, Anti-virus Software</i>	
Anti-virus software	<i>Upstate will provide upon request</i>	
Tablets	<i>iPad and Surface are not supported.</i>	
Web Browsers	<i>Internet Explorer 9.0 or higher; Chrome 61 or higher; Firefox 54 or higher; Safari 7 or higher</i>	

**Windows 10 S on Surface Laptops is not supported.*

A word about mobile devices...

Tablets and smartphones are amazingly useful learning tools although they are not a replacement for a laptop computer. The mobile platform at Upstate is the Apple iOS – iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch products. Many of the on-line educational resources available at Upstate and elsewhere are accessible via these mobile devices. Please note that while you are allowed to use iPads/Tablets for exam taking in ExamSoft, these items are NOT supported by the other exam applications nor are they supported by our Educational Communications Department/Academic Communications.

If you need to purchase a new laptop...

In recent years most students arrive at Upstate with a viable laptop computer that they used as undergraduates. However if you do need to purchase a new laptop, financial aid is available. Each student can add up to \$2,000 to their financial aid budget across the four years of medical school. More information about doing this is available from the Financial Aid Office. You may contact the Office of Financial aid by telephone at: 315-464-4329 or email finaid@upstate.edu.

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