

Basic Technology Needs for UWSSLEC

Computer

- Monitor:
 - Resolution: 1024 x 768 or greater
 - Size: At least 15" display recommended
- RAM: 8 GB minimum
- Hard drive: 256 GB minimum
- Processor speed: 2GHz minimum
- 100/1000 Ethernet card and/or 802.11 n/ac wifi card
- USB, wireless or Thunderbolt microphone with headset
- Sound card
- Operating system:
 - Windows: Windows 10 or higher
 - Mac: OSX (10.13 or higher)
 - NOTE: Currently you can do much of the class on a Chromebook or tablet, but not everything. You will need access to a computer for some work.
- Requirements of course management system:
 - DSL: <https://uwsystem.courses.wisconsin.edu/d2l/systemCheck>
 - Canvas (starting summer 2019): <https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10720>
- At minimum, you must have personal administrator rights to download and install software and a personal user space. To connect to wifi when on campus, you will need administrator rights.

Internet Service Provider

- You must be able to access the course from your home. Filters in schools, and often public libraries are too restrictive and block necessary items, tools and communication. You must be able to download and install software on the computer you use as well as search the Internet in an unfiltered mode.
- Access from home requires: Broadband required (DSL, cable, cellular, satellite)

Browser

- Recommended:
 - Chrome 65 or higher
 - Firefox 59 or higher
 - Edge (Windows): 41 or higher
 - Safari (Mac): 10 or higher
 - NOTE: Internet Explorer is not recommended
- Cookies enabled
- Javascript enabled
- Java Plug-in (needed for Conferences in Canvas, will not work in Chrome):
<https://www.java.com/en/>

- Flash 28 or higher may be needed to record or view audio / video (Doesn't work on iOS devices): <https://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>

Email

- You are required to use a personal GMAIL.COM account for email. You should not use your school email or a family email. To facilitate recognition, your Gmail ID should contain your name in recognizable form, e.g., lynn.fox, lynnefox, lynne_fox, LynnFox, lynnfox12

Software

You will need various software applications for different courses. The following are required for all courses:

- Adobe Acrobat Reader (most recent version): <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>
- Microsoft Office (most recent version) OR G-Suite (must share with class and instructor)
- Additional software may be required for specific classes
 - Purchase
 - Download demo versions
 - Register / subscribe to online software / services for brief periods
- Virus protection such as McAfee
- Plug-ins required for some classes
 - Real Player
 - QuickTime Player
 - Adobe Flash Player
 - Windows Media Player
 - Additional software and plugins may be required for specific classes. You must have administrator rights to download and install software, extensions, plugins, etc.

Printer

- Highly desirable

Note: Currently you cannot do the entire program using just a tablet device.