

MINIMUM TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS FOR DISTANCE LEARNING

When participating in distance education courses, it is vital to consider the technology needed in order to have a successful course. We recommend that you meet the technical requirements below when using the learning management system (LMS) of the College.

Note: For additional required hardware or software requirements for your course(s), contact your instructor or refer to the course syllabus for additional information on their requirements.

Required Hardware

- A computer (desktop/laptop) or mobile device (smartphone/tablet) that is less than 5 years old will work.
 - NOTE: Chromebooks **are not** recommended and may not be compatible with all third-party tools used in course shells.
- Speakers/headphones/earbuds for listening to audio or videos presented in courses.

Optional Hardware

- Webcam for interacting in course activities that require video feedback from students (such as VoiceThread), video test proctoring (such as Respondus Monitor), or other third-party tools.

Required Software

The following software is required :

- An Internet Browser, such as Mozilla Firefox and Google Chrome preferred. (See Internet Browser section for more information.)
 - Mozilla Firefox (latest version) - [Download](#)
 - Google Chrome (latest version) - [Download](#)
- Adobe Acrobat Reader (latest version) - [Download](#).

Optional Software

- Microsoft Office (includes Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint).
 - Students have free access to install the suite on their computers. [Follow these instructions to install Office 365](#).
- Windows Media Player - [Download](#).

Internet Connection

- A stable Internet connection of 56K or greater is required. *(However, please note that a 56K connection may degrade the quality of your experience.)*

Internet Browser(s)

Various browsers may be able to access the learning management system. We recommend the following tips:

- Use the latest versions of **Mozilla Firefox** or **Google Chrome**. *(Please note that Canvas (Emmanuel College learning management system) may not be fully compatible with the latest versions of each browser.)*
 - NOTE: **Do not** use Internet Explorer. This browser is obsolete and is no longer supported by Canvas