



Policy on Student Laptops

The Zucker School of Medicine is a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) school; therefore, every student must bring his/her own laptop computer to the program. Student laptops are required for examinations and must be in good working order. There are a limited number of backup laptops that are available for major computer malfunctions during examinations and the usage of these laptops is not guaranteed. A student who reports to an examination without a laptop may not be able to take the examination. Students who repeatedly (two or more times) report to an examination without a functioning laptop will be referred to the Student Professionalism Committee.

A student may choose his/her own laptop, as long as it meets the following minimum requirements: [Download Requirements](#)

Feature	Minimum Requirements	Preferred	Reasoning
General	MacBook/MacBook Pro/MacBook Air (Mid 2015 or newer) Windows Laptop (no older than 3 years old)		Surface pro tablets, other tablets, Chromebooks, Android/Linux laptops, etc. do not provide the functionality you need to complete your studies. If you choose to use one of these other devices, please be sure you have a compliant device available when needed. Loaner systems are not available for this purpose.
Operating System	Windows 10 Professional, Home, Enterprise or Education Mac OS X 10.13 (High Sierra) or later	Windows 10 Professional, Home, Enterprise or Education Mac OS X 10.13 (High Sierra) or later	All updates to student-used programs and software will be customized for the latest operating system versions. Since your education will last for at least 4 years, it is best to start with the most recent versions to avoid the potential need to upgrade during your time as a medical student.
Screen Size	13" or larger		The National Board of Medical Examiners requires a minimum of 13" monitor for online NBME exams.
Processor	Intel i5 2.0 GHz	Intel i7 2.0 GHz	Advanced operating systems and associated applications require advanced processors to be used effectively
Memory	8 GB RAM (upgradable to 16 GB)	16 GB RAM	Memory demands will require at least 8 GB. However, for better future performance a higher memory capacity will need to be available.
Hard Drive	250 GB	500 GB or higher	Almost all curricular materials are online. Some courses use multimedia content or high-resolution images, which greatly increase storage needs. NOTE: SSD storage provides the best performance but has a higher cost per gigabyte (GB) than traditional hard drive storage. All current Mac computers come with SSD storage.
Browser	Internet Explorer 9.0 or higher; Chrome 61 or higher; Firefox 54 or higher Safari 7 or higher		The browser versions are required to meet the minimum requirements of our web-based test systems and information portals.
Screen Sharing	VGA ready or VGA adapter or HDMI (some models may require a VGA or HDMI adapter)		Synchronous online meeting technology with screen sharing capability may be used by instructors. All classrooms are equipped with VGA and HDMI connections.
Wireless Capability	802.11ac Wi-Fi/wireless (802.11a/b/g/n compatible)		The entire building and campus is wireless. Hard-wired internet ports are not available in classrooms.
Warranty	3-year parts and labor or Apple Care		Your laptop will be heavily used; invest in a good warranty program. Consider adding accident protection.
External Storage	Cloud or personal USB external hard drive		Backing up data that is stored locally on your laptop is extremely important. Products such as iCloud, Dropbox, and OneDrive are examples of backup solutions that are easy to use.
USB Ports	At least one working USB port. Newer MacBook devices will require purchasing a USB adapter.		In order to troubleshoot software related issues, you must have at least one working USB port available to transfer files.
Audio	Integrated microphone/speakers		Most laptops come with an integrated microphone and this is recommended.
Video	Integrated web camera		While we do not require web cameras in our curriculum, it is recommended in order to participate in any online-based conferences or for video recording.

References to Regulations and/or Other Policies:

N/A

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