

## **Computer Requirements for Students**

Access to appropriate technology is essentially to a student's success at Rutgers. All students **should have access to a personal computer** to complete coursework and access other university resources. Students should check with their school or department for any discipline specific technology requirement. In some cases, there is no need to purchase additional equipment because it is provided by the school.

### **Recommendations**

The chart below provides technical specifications for a system that will meet general student needs. Systems that meet or exceed these specifications can be found at the [Rutgers Kite+Key Tech Store](#). Access to the discounted systems is available by logging in with your NetID.

	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Processor	Core i3 (8 <sup>th</sup> Generation or newer)	Core i5 (8 <sup>th</sup> Generation or newer)
Memory	4 GB	8 GB
Hard Disk	128GB SSD	256G SSD
Webcam and Mic	Required	
Operating System	Windows 10 or Mac OSX >= 10.14	
Headset	Recommended	

The following additional recommendations should be considered:

- While desktop systems have the necessary capabilities, a laptop is recommended.
- Chromebooks and tablets (iPad, Android, etc) are not recommended as primary computers unless they are specifically endorsed or provided by your school or department.
- Standard warranties typically require the device to be returned for repair and only provides coverage for one year. Consider upgrading the warranty to provide on-site service, accidental damage protection and a term that will cover the time to your initial degree, if available.

### **Software**

The university provides software for free or at a greatly discounted rate on the University Software Portal (<https://software.rutgers.edu/>). Students should review the software available on that page before making purchasing decisions. Required software like anti-virus and Microsoft Office 365 can be downloaded and installed at no charge.