Concordia University Texas
Recommended Computer Requirements

CTX recommends the following computer and internet connection specifications for fully participating in all learning modalities.

LAPTOP OR DESKTOP COMPUTER

Laptop or desktop computer, with Windows or Apple/Macintosh operating systems are acceptable.

The following is a list of *recommended minumum* requirements:

	WINDOWS	MAC
Processor	i3 or faster	i3 or faster
Display	13 inch display *(or larger recommended)*	13 inch display *(or larger recommended)*
Operating System	Windows 7 or higher Windows 10 Recommended	Apple OS 10.10 or higher
RAM	8GB (or larger)	8GB (or larger)
Hard Drive	256GB (or larger)	256GB (or larger)
Networking	Wireless: 802.11g (or higher)	Wireless: 802.11g (or higher)
Flash Drive	32GB (or larger) USB Flash Drive	32GB (or larger) USB Flash Drive
Software	Microsoft Office 365 *(Available for free to all CTX students)* Anti-Virus & Malware Software Acrobat Reader	Microsoft Office 365 *(Available for free to all CTX students)* Anti-Virus & Malware Software Acrobat Reader
Warranty *(recommended)*	3 Yr. with Next Business Day On-Site Service is suggested	AppleCare Protection Plan for up to 3 years is recommended
Webcam	Either Built-in or external	Either Built-in or external
Mic/Speakers	Either Built-in or external	Either Built-in or external

A note about Chromebooks and other tablet devices: Chromebooks and tablet devices can be a less expensive route for computer hardware and can be a quality solution for many instructional activities. There are, however, some activities that are not supported on these devices. A primary example is Respondus, the test taking software CTX uses to remotely administer exams. Know that you may be required to use this system to take exams and that it will not work on a Chromebook or mobile device.

INTERNET RECOMMENDATIONS

High speed internet (at least 50 mbs). Depending on the activity, a simple cellular data plan may not be sufficient in all cases. CTX has created a document detailing ways you can maximize your existing bandwidth (attached).

VIDGRID

The video platform that allows students to view, record, and submit video presentations. Chromebooks are not supported. To view videos on your mobile device, use an Android browser (including Chrome for Android), version 4.0 and up, or Mobile Safari (iPhone browser) iOS 9 and up. The VidGrid recorder is not supported by mobile devices, but you can record natively on your iOS or Android device and upload to VidGrid. Visit app.vidgrid.com to upload from your mobile device.

In all cases, if you have limitations due to access to appropriate technology, work with your professor and/or reach out to CTX via the Early Alert Form and allow us to work with you. In some cases, we can find ways to alter the learning activity to meet your technology's capabilities and in some cases, we can connect you with technology on campus or loaner equipment to take home.