

Recommended Student Laptop/Desktop Configurations for Social Sciences

The chart below provides general minimum guidelines for new computer acquisitions as of July 2019

Laptop	
Processor	Intel i5 or i7, 8th Generation, or newer
Display	Touch screen is optional
Memory	Minimum 8 GB RAM
Hard Drive	Minimum 256 GB Solid State Drive (SSD)
DVD Drive	Optional
Video Card	Integrated Video Interface
Network Interface	Integrated Ethernet Port (Optional)
Wireless Network Card/Interface	Integrated Wireless
Sound Card	Integrated Audio
Other Interfaces (optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum two USB 2.0/3.0 ports • Headphone • Microphone IN • Bluetooth capability • Embedded Web Camera • External Video Port
Operating System	Windows 10 - 64 bit
Warranty	Three year warranty is recommended
Other Software	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Virus • Microsoft Office (Optional) • Adobe Reader

Standard Desktop	
Processor	Intel i5 or i7, 8th Generation, or newer
Display	LCD monitor, with height adjustment
Memory	Minimum 8 GB RAM
Hard Drive	Minimum 500 GB Solid State Drive (SSD)
DVD Drive	Optional
Video Card	Video Graphics Card - 4GB - dual output
Network Interface	Integrated Ethernet Port
Sound Card	Integrated Audio
Other Interfaces (optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum four USB 2.0/3.0 ports • Headphone • Microphone IN
Operating System	Windows 10 - 64 bit
Warranty	Three year warranty is recommended
Other Software	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Virus • Microsoft Office (Optional) • Adobe Reader