

Check your tech for online learning: Academic Computing Guide Information for new students. The Information Technology department at Syracuse University College of Law provides computer and technical support for College of Law students, faculty, and staff.

Laptop Computer Requirement: Syracuse University College of Law (COL) requires students to have a laptop computer and to keep it in good working order. Students often use laptops in the classroom and AirOrangeX, Syracuse University's wireless network, is available throughout the COL. You will use your laptop heavily throughout your law school career.

ExamSoft's Exemplify software is used for many exams at the COL, and you'll use your laptop for this process also.

While tablet devices running Apple iOS, Google Android, and ChromeBooks might be useful for law students, they do not meet the laptop computer requirement.

Computer Skills: Computer skills are essential in the legal profession. At the COL, you will receive training as a first year student in the web-based versions of Westlaw, Lexis, and Bloomberg research tools. You'll also need to be familiar with Microsoft Office, which includes Word, Excel and PowerPoint, as well as internet browsers, and email.

Recommended Laptop Configuration: The Syracuse University Bookstore can provide you with laptop information, including minimum requirements. Any laptop, PC or Intel-based Mac, purchased within the last two years, will satisfy the COL requirements. As mentioned above, Microsoft Office is commonly used at the COL, and is available at no cost for all matriculated students.

Supported Platforms: Both PCs running Windows 10 and Macs running OS 10.11 or higher are supported at the COL. PCs must have a genuine, U.S.-English versions of Windows Operating System installed. Windows RT, XP, Mac OS X 10.8 (Mountain Lion) and below, Chromebooks and Linux platforms are not supported at the COL.

Use of Laptops in Classrooms: Laptops may be used anywhere in the COL. Electrical outlets for laptops are available in classrooms, study rooms, the law library, and the hallways. You should obtain approval from your professors regarding the use of a laptop during class time.

Email: As a newly admitted law student, you'll be assigned an official email address once you have activated your NetID. You will receive further information about these, including account name, password and guidelines for use. While we recognize that many students already use one or more commercial email accounts, your University provided email will be the primary means of communication at the COL.

Remote Access: You will have access to campus systems, your saved files, as well as Westlaw, Lexis and Bloomberg research tools, from your residence or other locations with internet access by means of a remote access process. Additional information will be provided with your orientation materials.

General Requirements:

- **Hardware:** Computer (see specific recommendations below) and access to a printer and scanner
- **Internet Connection:** You will need a broadband internet connection with the following:
 - Minimum download speed: 5 Mbps
 - Minimum upload speed: 3 Mbps
 - **Note:** If you are not sure of your connection speed, please go to www.speedtest.net to test your connections. If your connection does not reach these requirements, please contact your ISP.
- **Software:** ExamSoft and Microsoft Office (The Microsoft Office Suite can be accessed at no cost to you while you are an active student at Syracuse University - see instructions below)
- **Webcam:** Either internal or external
- **Headset with microphone:** Any type compatible with the computer or telephone audio connection you will use for live sessions.
- **Telephone:** Either landline or cell phone with strong service.

NOTE:

We require law students to have a laptop computer and to keep it in good working order. While tablet devices such as an iPad running Apple's iOS or devices running Google Android are useful devices for note-taking, they should not be your only computing device as not all work for law school can be done on tablets/mobile devices. Chromebooks and Linux platforms are not supported.

Laptop Computer Requirements:

Most modern laptop computers (i.e. purchased within the last 2-3 years) are acceptable. Your computer must meet the following minimum system requirements:

Windows

Your computer cannot be running any virtual operating systems such as Microsoft's Virtual Machine, Parallels, VMware Fusion or any other virtual environments. The minimum requirements in addition to the Operating System is a 32-bit and 64-bit Versions of Windows 10.

- Alternate versions of Windows 10, such as Windows RT, and Windows 10 S are NOT supported at this time.
- Only genuine, U.S.-English versions of Windows Operating Systems are supported
- No support for tablet devices other than Surface Pro as detailed below
- CPU Processor: 2.0 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo or greater
- RAM: 2GB or highest recommended for the operating system
- Hard drive: 20 GB of available space or highest recommended for the operating system
- For technical troubleshooting, account passwords, including BitLocker keys, may be required.
- Screen resolution of 1024x768 or higher
- Administrator level account permissions

Surface Pro minimum system requirements:

- Surface Pro, Surface Books, and Surface Laptop devices are supported (Non-pro Surface devices are NOT supported)
- Must be running a supported Operating System (See PC Requirements above)
- An external keyboard (USB or Bluetooth) is required
- Hard Drive: 20 GB or higher available space
- Screen resolution of 1920x1080
- Administrator level account permissions

Mac OS X

Laptop should not be running any virtual operating systems such as Parallels, VMware, VMware Fusion or any other virtual environments.

- Administrator level account permissions
- Server versions of Mac OS X is not supported
- Screen Resolution of **1024 x 768** or higher
- Operating system:
 - Mac OS X 10.13 High Sierra
- Hard drive: 20 GB or higher of free disk space
- RAM: 2 GB or higher
- CPU: Intel processor
- The new generation of Macs with ARM processors, announced in Summer of 2020, are not yet confirmed to be supported by our exam software. Macs with Intel-based processors are still supported.