

MINIMUM TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS FOR DISTANCE LEARNING



When participating in distance education courses, it is vital to consider the technology needed in order to have a successful course. We recommend that you meet the technical requirements below when using Populi (our student management portal) and Zoom (our synchronous learning platform).

- A PC or Mac computer (desktop/laptop) that is less than 5 years old will work.
 - NOTE: Chromebooks **are not** recommended and may not be compatible with all third-party tools used in course shells. Smartphones and other tablet devices should not be your primary learning device.
- Speakers/headphones/earbuds for listening to audio or videos presented in courses.
- Webcam for interacting in course activities that require video feedback from students (Zoom or Microsoft Teams).
- **A stable Internet broadband connection.** (Minimum of 25 Mbps cable or satellite recommended)

The following software is required:

- Internet Browsers, such as **Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge**, are preferred. It is also suggested to have both browsers, so that one can act as a backup in case the other is experiencing issues.
 - Google Chrome (latest version) - [Download](#)
 - Microsoft Edge (latest version) – [Download](#)
- **Microsoft Office** (includes Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint). Students have free access to install the suite on their computers and other devices.
- **Adobe Acrobat Reader** (latest version) can be used for viewing PDF files offline (outside of a web browser). - [Download](#).
- **Current Antivirus software for all your devices.**