

MINIMUM TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Technology Competency Prerequisite

Students entering SECU Partnership East must meet a technology competency prior to beginning ECU classes. The technology competency can be met by taking CIS 110 at a North Carolina Community College. The technology requirement also meets the computer competency requirement for admission to Upper Division.

Minimum Computer Specifications

At a minimum you must have access to a computer that has the same technical specifications as the “Basic PC” or “Basic Mac” shown below. These are the recommendations of the ECU ACE Student Support Center. Descriptions of specific computer components and the most up-to-date information can be found at the ACE website (<http://www.ecu.edu/cs-itcs/ace/>).

| Type of Laptop | Basic PC | Basic Mac |
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| Platform |  |  |
| Operating System | Windows 7 or 8 | OS X Mountain Lion |
| Processor | Intel Core™ i3™ (2.3GHz) | 2.5GHz dual-core Intel Core i5 |
| RAM | 4 GB | 4 GB |
| Hard Drive | 320 GB 5400 rpm HD Or 128 GB solid state | 500 GB 5400 rpm HD Or 128 GB solid state |
| Optical Drive | Internal or external DVD Multi-Burner | DVD RW/ CD-RW Superdrive |
| Video Graphics Card | Integrated Video | |
| Ethernet | 10/100/1000 | 10/100/1000 |
| Wireless Card | Internal 802.11 b/g/n | 802.11b/g/n |
| USB Ports | 2 | 2 |
| Recommended Options | Bluetooth Camera | Bluetooth |
| Battery Life | 5+ hours | 5+ hours |
| Manufacturer Warranty | 3 year recommended | 3 year AppleCare recommended |
| Accidental Damage Insurance | 3 year recommended | 3 year SAFEWARE recommended |
| Anti-virus software | Symantec Endpoint Required | Symantec for Mac recommended |

Internet Connectivity

SECU PE students should have access to a reliable high-speed internet connection.

Peripheral Equipment

- Headset with microphone (required)
- Printer (required)
- Document scanner (required)
- Webcam (recommended)
- Access to a mobile device from the recommended list for one semester for READ 3301
<http://www.amplify.com/assessment/devices>

Supported Software – <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-itcs/Software>

- Office 365 (provided free to ECU students through ACE website)
- Adobe Acrobat Reader (free download)
- Current version of Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, Internet Explorer or Safari web browser
- Symantec Antivirus (*free through ECU Onestop*)
- TaskStream Account (Additional directions for purchase will be provided in the first semester.)

Many of the items can be purchased through the ECU Dowdy Student Bookstore, online, or at local office supply stores. Student discounts may apply. Consult with the Financial Aid Office regarding applying aid packages to technology purchases.