

Recommended Minimum Hardware and Software Requirements

The following are the recommended requirements for purchasing a Laptop (Mac or PC) computer. **DO NOT** purchase a Chromebook, Android, or Linux operating system for your main device. If you are using a Microsoft Surface device, [please read this article](#) for important instructions on Windows 10 and 11 “S mode” versus the standard Windows 10 or 11. S mode is not compatible with the testing software ExamSoft used at Samford University. To view all ExamSoft minimum requirements please [click here](#).

Windows-based Computer	Macintosh Computer
Built in-Webcam and Microphone: Integrated camera or external USB camera supported by your operating system. Virtual cameras are not supported.	Built in-Webcam and Microphone: Integrated camera or external USB camera supported by your operating system. Virtual cameras are not supported.
240 GB hard drive or larger	240 GB hard drive or larger
At least 8GB of memory	At least 8GB of memory
Administrator Account Permissions	Administrator Account Permissions
Wireless Capability	Wireless Capability
The versions of Windows certified for use are Windows 10 22H2, Windows 11 21H2, and Windows 11 22H2	Big Sur, Monterey and Ventura
Microsoft Office 365*	Microsoft Office 365 for Mac*
USB drive, a working USB port is required. (Newer devices may require an adaptor.)	USB drive, a working USB port is required. (Newer devices may require an adaptor.)

* Microsoft Office 365 can be downloaded free from the Samford student portal – <http://connect.samford.edu>