BCM Minimum Computer Recommendations – 2024-2025

BCM is a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) campus and recommends all students to own a personal laptop to take advantage of web-based software and wireless resources. The purpose of these recommendations is to ensure devices meet or exceed a set of standards that will allow students to participate effectively in the BCM technology ecosystem.

We offer the following recommendations with student success in mind. All students are responsible for having a working device that meets the minimum recommendations listed below. If you have specific questions, we encourage you to contact your School/Program to discuss your situation in detail.

Your school or program may have additional or more specific requirements. Programs will notify students prior to orientation about these specifics. Please contact your program's administration office regarding these requirements.

- **School of Medicine -** Netbooks & Chromebooks are **NOT** supported for MS2 NBME exams.
- **Orthotics and Prosthetics Program** – iPads are provided to students and managed by the Program.

	Windows Based Specifications	macOS Based Specifications
Operating System (Brain)	Supported Genuine 64-bit Versions: Windows 10: 22H2 Windows 11: 22H2, 23H2 "S Mode" is not compatible with ExamSoft	Supported Genuine Versions: Ventura (version 13.0) or higher
Processor (Engine)	Intel Core i5, i7, or i9 Processor 10th Generation or above (ARM processors are not supported)	Intel Core i7 (Minimum) M1 or M2 Processor (Recommended)
RAM (Memory)	8 GB (Minimum) 16 GB (Recommended)	8 GB (Minimum) 16 GB (Recommended)
Hard Drive (Storage)	250 GB solid state hard drive (Minimum) 512 GB solid state hard drive (Recommended)	250 GB solid state hard drive (Minimum) 512 GB solid state hard drive (Recommended)
Camera/Webcam & Mic	A USB webcam or integrated camera & mic are required for online learning	
Network Connectivity (Wi-Fi)	Compatible with 802.11 a/g/n (Network connectivity is required in many classes. Additionally, much of the campus is covered by a campus wireless network) For a wired connection, computers and other devices require either an Ethernet (RJ-45) port or a USB-to-Ethernet adapter (Apple's version is Thunderbolt-to-Ethernet). If you plan to connect to the wired data network, be sure to bring an Ethernet cable (12-15 ft length should suffice for most situations).	
Monitor/Screen Size	No smaller than 13" (1280x768) minimum resolution with 32-bit color. Scaling should be set to 100%. (SOM & SHP: Examplify does not support touchscreen input devices for Mac or PC.)	
Productivity Software Provided by BCM for Windows and macOS	Microsoft Office 365 - Outlook, Teams, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, OneDrive (1TB, 1,000GB personal cloud storage accessible from any device) Adobe Creative Cloud Examplify: Click here for ExamSoft Minimum Computer Requirements	
Web Browser	Most recent version of Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome (Recommended Browsers at BCM)	
Apple iPad	- Operating Systems: iPadOS 16, and iPadOS17 (Only officially approved Apple versions of iPadOS are supported). - Hardware recommendations: iPad 9+, iPad Air 4+, iPad Mini 5+, iPad Pro - iPad must not be modified (e.g. Jailbroken) - Are NOT intended to take the place of a laptop.	
***Netbooks & Chromebooks are NOT supported by BCM*** *Microsoft Surface devices - Surface Pro, Surface Books, and Surface Laptops are supported.*	