Computer Systems Technician – MINIMUM LAPTOP SPECIFICATIONS:

If obtaining a laptop for yourself for use with your studies, here are suggested minimum hardware specifications recommended for your computer activities:

Due to the overwhelming popularity of MS Windows in the business environment, the lab is equipped with Windows 10 computers.

Most students tend to use Windows-based computers and some prefer to use an Apple (Mac) device for work away from the classroom.

Any platform can work with studies away from the classroom in the Computer System Technician program.

For lab work, Win 10 based computers are provided. In addition, there are computer resources available for students to use in the SAL (Student Access Lab).

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|  | **WINDOWS PC** | **MAC** |
| Operating System | Windows 10 64-bit (Pro edition is preferred)   * Windows 10 must have the latest updates installed | Mac OS 10.12 or higher |
| Processor Type | Core i5 or Higher Processor or equivalent AMD | Core i5 U or Higher Processor |
| Memory | Minimum 8GB RAM | Minimum 8GB RAM |
| Hard Drive | Minimum 500GB, SSD preferred | Minimum 500GB, SSD preferred |
| Graphics Card | Intel Integrated Graphics or better | Intel Integrated Graphics or better |
| Wireless Network Card | Optional | Optional |
| Virus Protection | An up to date Antivirus client is required.  (Note Windows 10 has built-in Windows Defender) | An up to date Antivirus client is required. |
| Additional requirements | If required to do any on-site presentations, a mobile storage device may be required | If required to do any on-site presentations,  a mobile storage device may be required |