

Computer Requirements for Students

Fulton-Montgomery Community College requires all students to have a Windows or Macintosh laptop or desktop computer. Students are often eligible for discounts from retailers. The Raider Trader College Store also has computers and electronics for sale and students may elect to use their financial aid for purchase through the store. If you have questions about the computer requirements or technology questions, please email student.help@fmcc.edu.

Technology Specifications

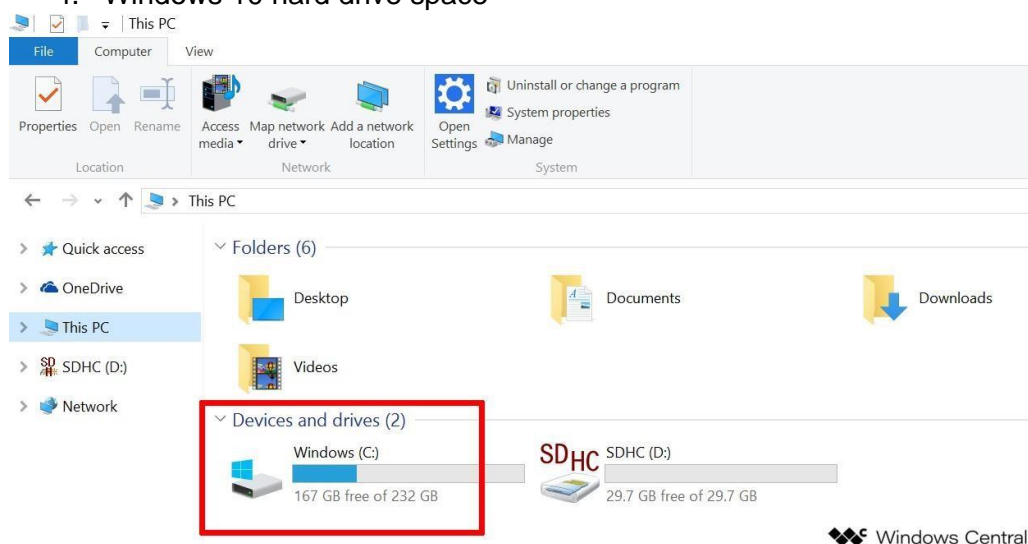
The recommended minimum configurations are listed below. If you currently have your own Windows 10 computer and you do not know the system specifications, you can follow these steps to check some of the basics, such as processor, memory, and the current version of Windows 10:

1. Click on the Windows Start Logo
2. Open Settings.
3. Click on System.
4. Click on About.

Check the Device specifications section to find out the device name, processor, installed memory, system architecture, and if the device includes support for touch and pen.

To check the size of your storage (hard drive or disk space), follow these steps:

1. Open File Explorer. You can use the keyboard shortcut, Windows key + E or tap the folder icon in the taskbar.
2. Tap or click This PC from the left pane
3. You can see the amount of free space on your hard disk under the Windows (C:) drive
4. Windows 10 hard drive space



Recommended Minimum Windows* Laptop Configurations

- Operating System: Windows 10 or higher *Operating system versions no longer supported by the manufacturer are not permitted on the campus network
- Storage: at least 256Gb
- Webcam (with microphone and speakers or headphones)
- RAM: 8GB

***Windows-based laptops are strongly recommended. Users wishing to use or purchase Apple computers should consult with their program faculty member first. Certain courses require Windows-based programs as part of the curriculum. Chromebooks are not recommended because it is not possible to install MS Office onto a Chromebook which is needed for most classes.**

Recommended Configuration for New Purchases and for Students Enrolling in Programs in Media Arts and Digital Technology, Electrical Technology, and Computer Science.

- Operating System: Windows 10 or higher
- Storage: Solid State Drive (SSD) with at least 256Gb
- Webcam (with microphone and speakers or headphones)
- Monitor resolution (1920 X 1080 or higher)
- RAM: 12GB

Additional Considerations

- Antivirus Software (Windows): Microsoft Windows Defender or commercial product
- Wireless network capability (802.11 n/ac) for use across campus.
- Office Suite: Microsoft Office 365 (available for FREE to FM students)
- Operating System: Student computers must be able to run a full version Microsoft Windows in order to meet the variety of software needs they will encounter. Other operating systems such as Chrome OS are insufficient to satisfy the computer requirement.
- The FM IT Department does not provide support for student personal computers. Students are responsible for any repairs or software installations necessary to maintain their system.