

HARDWARE/SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

"What technology or equipment do I need to take Online classes in Blackboard at HBU?"

COMPUTER

It is recommended that students use a laptop or desktop computer to access and complete assignments for online courses. Ideally, you should have daily access to the computer to successfully complete online course work. While tablets or smart phones may be used to access some course content, not all content can be viewed on this type of device. In addition, completing course assignments on tablets or smart phones is not recommended.

We do not recommend the use of Chromebooks to complete coursework, as they are often incompatible with necessary programs.

Minimum System Requirements

- 1.6 GHZ or Higher Processor
- 2 GB of Memory
- 150 MB of Hard Disk Space
- 800x600 or Higher Resolution Monitor, 16 bit Color
- Desktop or Laptop Webcam with Microphone



INTERNET ACCESS

High Speed Internet Service - DSL or cable with at least 1MPBS connection speed. Satellite internet will work, but may not be optimal due to the latency of the connection.

Web browser – Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome. Other browsers (i.e. Internet Explorer) may be okay, but Firefox and Chrome are most compatible with HBU's learning management system, Blackboard. In addition, Firefox and Chrome are also available for Mac users. It is recommended that both Firefox and Chrome be installed on your computer in the event there is a technical problem with one browser and you have to use another to access your Blackboard course(s).

ADDITIONAL SOFTWARE OR PLUG-INS

You should download the following software or plug-ins to ensure optimal performance of your online course experience.

- · Microsoft Office for Windows or Mac (Office 365 is available FREE to HBU students)
- · Adobe Flash
- · Adobe Reader
- · Java Shockwave Player
- QuickTime (video viewer for both Windows and Mac)

Browser Check for Compatibility:

https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting_Started/Browser_Support/Browser_Checker









