**IT guidance for students studying undergraduate medicine, dentistry, dental hygiene and therapy, veterinary medicine, veterinary nursing, and those on programmes in the school of anatomy**

To get the most from your studies whilst at Bristol University you will need your own personal laptop. When you come to the University, as part of our institutional license, you will be able to download and use the Microsoft 365 suite of office applications for Windows and Mac: Teams, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, OneNote and OneDrive for Cloud storage, free of charge.

**Hardware requirements**

**Minimum specification**

You may already have a laptop that you intend to use at Bristol. We recommend students are equipped with a Windows 10 or Apple Mac laptop with minimum MacOS 10.14 (Mojave) that is not more than three years old with the following minimum specification:

* Processor (CPU) Intel i3 / AMD Ryzen 3 series CPU, or higher (Windows) / Intel i3 or higher (Mac).
* Memory 8Gb RAM
* Storage 256GB HDD or SSD
* Display screen resolution 1080p HD

You should not use a Chromebook or a computer that runs the Linux OS as your primary device to support your studies. They are frequently incompatible with software that we use regularly at the University. For example, the secure browser that we use for online proctoring of exams is incompatible with both Chromebooks and Linux, and Microsoft Office is only available within a web browser. If you already have one of these devices, then we will be able to loan you a laptop for your online proctored exams.

**Recommended specification**

If you are planning to buy a new laptop for coming to Bristol, we recommend the following specification:

* Processor (CPU) Intel i5 or AMD Ryzen 5 series CPU (Windows)
* Intel i5 (minimum) or M1 - much more powerful and a better long term investment for a similar price (Mac).
* Memory 16Gb RAM or more
* Storage 512GB SSD
* Display screen resolution 1080p HD or higher, and a non-touch screen

**Mobile devices and touch sensitive screens**

Devices like smartphones and tablet computers are becoming increasingly important for a variety of learning activities e.g. accessing learning resources and other information and capturing evidence of clinical activities and skills whilst on placement. We do not recommend specific devices, but it’s important that you bring at least one portable touchscreen device with you to university, alongside your main laptop. Touchscreen laptops can also have compatibility issues with some of the systems we use. Again, we can provide you with a loan laptop for your exam if your device is incompatible with our online proctoring system.