



Hartpury laptop guidance 2025

Recommended and minimal specification

Having access to a laptop will be hugely beneficial for your studies. To help you choose one that will support you during your course, we recommend the following specification:

Windows Computers

Windows (recommended or better spec)

- Screen size is personal preference, but we would recommend 13.3" or larger with a resolution at least 1080p (i.e. full HD).
- Intel i5 or AMD Ryzen 5 Processor or better
- 16GB Ram
- 512GB SSD Storage
- Windows 10 or 11
- Webcam, microphone and speakers
- Two USB ports, HDMI or DisplayPort (with an HDMI adapter), Wi-Fi (n/AC/or better)

It's also worth considering a laptop that will have a good battery life.

If your machine does not meet the above specification, then the absolute minimal specification is shown below, however this may make some of your work more challenging.

Windows (minimum spec)

- Screen size is personal preference, with a resolution at least 1366 x 768.
- Intel i3 or AMD Ryzen 3 Processor
- 8GB Ram
- 128GB SSD Storage
- Windows 11
- Webcam, microphone and speakers
- Two USB ports, HDMI or DisplayPort (with an HDMI adapter), Wi-Fi (N or better)

Apple computers

MacOS

Your mac should run at least one of the last **three** versions of MacOS. It's preferable for it be updateable during your studies with us.



MacBook Air/Pro 2022/2023

MacBook (recommended or better spec)

- Screen size is personal preference, but we would recommend 13.3" or larger with a resolution at least 1080p (i.e. full HD).
- M1 or M2 processor.
- 16GB Ram
- 512GB SSD Storage
- Webcam, microphone and speakers
- Two USB ports, HDMI or DisplayPort (with an HDMI adapter), Wi-Fi (n/AC/or better)

It's also worth considering a machine with a good battery life.

If your machine does not meet the above specification, then the absolute minimal specification is shown below, however this may make some of your work more challenging.

MacBook (minimum spec)

- Screen size is personal preference, with a resolution at least 1366 x 768.
- Intel i5 or better Processor
- 8GB Ram
- 128GB SSD Storage
- Webcam, microphone and speakers
- Two USB ports, HDMI or DisplayPort (with an HDMI adapter), Wi-Fi (N or better)

If you're purchasing a new MacBook Air/Pro then please note Apple will be using their own a M1 or M2 Processor, this works with all core software that Hartpury currently use.

During your time at Hartpury, you'll use Microsoft Office 365. As a student, you're entitled to a free copy that you can install on up to five devices, including tablets and mobiles following enrolment.

Depending on your chosen course, you'll also use other software packages to complete your study or research that are not currently compatible with Chromebooks and therefore these are not currently recommended.