



A SOLID INTERNET CONNECTION

- Download speed no less than 4 MBPS (megabits per second)

A DEPENDABLE COMPUTER

- A PC running Windows 7 or newer and no more than three years old
- Mac laptop or desktop no more than four years old
- Not a Chromebook



A MAJOR WEB BROWSER

- Mozilla Firefox (preferred), Google Chrome or Apple Safari
- Not Internet Explorer

PRODUCTIVITY SOFTWARE

- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint)
- Apple iWork (Pages, Numbers, and Keynote)
- OpenOffice.org and LibreOffice.org
- Google Docs, Sheets, and Slides (insufficient alone)



A TRUSTY MIC OR HEADSET

- A high-quality built-in mic
- A separate headset

Look for one with built-in echo-cancelling and that actually connects to your computer via a cable (rather than a wireless one).

A DISTRACTION-FREE WORKSPACE

- A quiet area, free from visual distractions and ambient noise

These things can distract not only you but also other students and teachers who you interact with via microphone and webcam during class.



Like backpacking through a mountain range, you need good gear to have a good time!