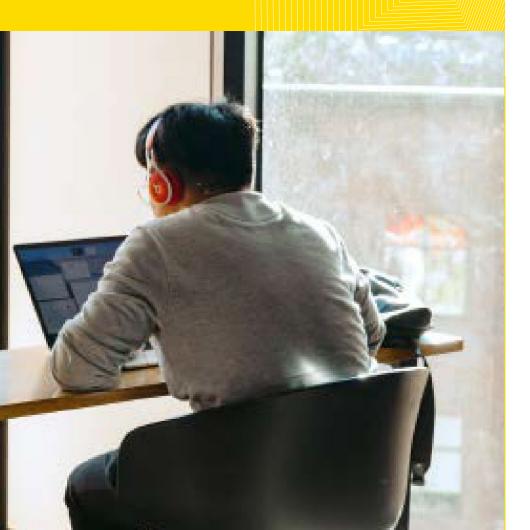# Enhance your learning experience.

Personal electronic device guidelines for students

As a UNSW College student, you will need a personal electronic device and to enhance your learning, participate in class and study in your own time. We have prepared this guide to give you an overview of the types of devices you will need to complete your studies with us.

Selecting the right device

You will need a suitably equipped laptop for all study activities. Some courses require additional devices such as a stylus or tablet. Below is a guide for your consideration.
Smart phones are not suitable for accessing online learning.

Learning Activity	Device Suitability		
	Required		**Optional**
	Laptop with stylus or Laptop with separate tablet[1]	Laptop/Notebook[2]	Tablet
Simple web-based tasks	🟢	🟢	🟠
Short writing tasks	🟢	🟢	🟠
Writing tasks	🟢	🟢	🟠
Handwriting and sketching	🟢	🟠	🟠
Longer writing tasks	🟢	🟢	🟠
Complex or specialised tasks	🟢	🟢	⚫
Online exams	🟢	🟢	⚫

[1] Diploma of Computer Science, Diploma of Engineering and Diploma of Science students require a laptop with a stylus, or (in addition to their laptop/notebook), a suitable writing tablet with a stylus (e.g. small Wacom, model number CTL-472/K0-CX, which is compatible with PC Windows (Windows 10 or 11) or Mac (Mac OS 10.14 or later).

[2] Required for all other programs (excluding Diploma of Computer Science, Diploma of Engineering and Diploma of Science students).

[3] Tablets and Smart Phone devices are not appropriate for online exams or for any Design Courses.

Key:
🟢 Recommended for this activity   🟠 Might be suitable for some students and some activities   ⚫ Not suitable

Need assistance?
Please speak with us if you need any support with your electronic device requirements. Students should contact enquiries@unswcollege.edu.au for details.

Required Specifications

Function	Minimum Requirements
Device requirement	The device must be Windows or Apple Mac laptop (NOT an iPad, Android tablet, or Chromebook) that is less than 4 years old.
Device hygiene	The device must have appropriate and up-to-date anti-virus and anti-spyware installed.
English language settings	Operating systems and software applications must be installed with English language settings.
Headphones	To reduce background noise and improve overall sound quality, we recommend the use of headphones with a microphone for participation in online classes and some exams.
Microphone / Camera	When participating in online classes, a working camera and microphone is required.
Operating Systems	The device must use a legitimate licensed operating system with at least Windows 10 with Microsoft .NET Framework 3.5 installed, or macOS Big Sur (version 11.0) in English.
Password protection / user authentication	The device must support password authentication and automatic locking that must be used at all times.
Software and licensing	**Office 365** Microsoft Office 365 suite must be installed with the English version. Note: If you are studying in the Foundation Studies Program, Transition Program or Diploma Program, you can download UNSW Office 365 with your student ZID number. If you are an Academic English Program student studying UEEC, FEEC or EAE programs, please purchase the English version of Microsoft Office 365 suite from the Microsoft official website before your Orientation Day. **Specialist software** Some courses, such as Design and Engineering, may require the use of specialist software. **Other software** Students are responsible for obtaining appropriately licensed copies of any applications or operating systems installed on their device/s, unless UNSW College has specifically provided licensed copies for use by students.
Web browser	Any modern web browser – Chrome, Firefox, Edge, Safari etc. Ensure it has been installed in English and updated to the latest version.
Battery Charge	Suggest the device can be charged via USB-C.
MFA (Multi-factor authentication)	Students also need a mobile to install Microsoft Authenticator to authenticate with MFA when logging in to Moodle (except AEP students).

Maintenance/ IT Support

Support and maintenance of your own device is your responsibility as a student.

For assistance with passwords for UNSW supplied systems or software please visit: my.unswcollege.edu.au

For non-password related IT assistance email helpdesk@unswcollege.edu.au

> For more information contact enquiries@unswcollege.edu.au

Studying on campus?

Wi-Fi

UNSW College students can access UNSW College Wi-Fi while on campus.

Size and weight

Devices need to be brought to class daily so the device will need to be a practical weight and size to carry around all day.

We recommend a maximum weight of 2kg.

Battery life

There are limited opportunities to recharge devices during an academic day, so devices will need to have sufficient battery life to use for several hours without recharging.

An ideal battery life is 10 hours or more.

We have charging stations and powerpoints on campus, but if you are moving around campus on a daily basis we recommend you bring a battery pack to ensure your laptop, headphones and phone are charged at all times.