

BSMS minimum Windows or Mac laptop specification Autumn 2020

In the context of university study, the expectation is that as a student you should be able to access the following basic IT requirements:

1. Access to the internet at your place of residence. If you are staying in University halls this will be included in your charges.
2. We strongly recommend that all incoming BSMS students ensure that they bring a suitable laptop computer with them to enable them to make the most of the learning opportunities at BSMS over the 5 years of the course.

We recommend a **minimum** Windows or Mac specification of:

- *i5 CPU (or equivalent and **not** more than two years old) with:*
- *Windows 10 or Mac OS 10.14 or later*
- *8Gb RAM*
- *13" screen*
- *256GB Hard Drive (SSD)*
- *Wi-Fi capable*
- *a Full HD screen as a minimum (1080p)*
- *built-in webcam (720p minimum) and speakers*
- *a DVD drive is **not** essential*

*Note:- A lower specification may be used but it may not prove suitable for all needs.
We do not recommend or support ChromeBooks.
We do not recommend or support LinuxOS/Unix based systems.*

As a BSMS student you will be entitled to free use of:

- Microsoft Office365 including OneDrive cloud storage (Windows or Mac)
- The university will provide all the basic software packages you need for home use free of charge whilst you remain a student. This includes:
 - Microsoft Office Microsoft Office365 including OneDrive cloud storage (Windows or Mac)
 - Math and Statistics software
 - Referencing software
 - And many others:
<https://staff.brighton.ac.uk/is/computing/Pages/AvailableSoftware/Students-office.aspx>
- The University of Brighton suggests that its students download and install the Sophos free Home Anti-Virus and update service (Windows or Mac).