

Hodges Online Learning Requirements

Yes, there are requirements for learning online. These requirements are the physical equipment requirements you will need to participate in online learning.

Windows Based “PC” Learners

Windows-based computers should be equipped with:

- Audio output device (headset or speakers).
- Webcam.
- Microsoft Office plus a supported browser (Chrome or Firefox recommended).
- Access to a high-speed internet connection (DSL or cable modem).
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office, email, and Internet browsing.
- If you do not possess your own copy of Microsoft Office, you can utilize Office online using the Hodges University Virtual Lab.

Mac Based Learners

- Mac users should be running OS 10.8 or higher.
- Webcam.
- Audio output device (headset or speakers).
- Safari browser.
- Microsoft Office.
- Access to a high-speed Internet connection (DSL/cable modem).
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office, email, and Internet browsing.
- If you do not possess your own copy of Microsoft Office, you can utilize Office online using the Hodges University Virtual Lab.

While Macs are supported for basic access to resources housed in the My HUGO Portal, some courses will require the use of the Windows Operating System and the Windows edition of Microsoft Office (e.g. CGS-1100 and CGS-2515 courses). Utilities which will allow you to run Windows within the Mac environment are available online. However, these are up to the student to install and maintain individually.

Java Plugin

Some of Hodges University’s online technologies utilize the Java plugin that ties in with your web browser of choice. Java and web browsers, in general, are regularly updated by the manufacturer, frequently for the purpose of patching potential security issues. It is the end user’s responsibility to maintain current, patched versions of the software,

while still complying with the more general software requirements specified by Hodges University, and to stay apprised of any software updates that may be required to patch security issues.

Synchronous (Real Time) Requirements

Certain online courses require synchronous (real-time) sessions where a webcam is utilized. Additionally, a headset with attached microphone is highly recommended for best audio quality.

Final Exams

Proctored final exams are required in online courses. Hodges University has partnered with ProctorU, a nationally recognized online proctoring service, to ensure academic integrity.