

Online Technical Requirements

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Software

1. PCs should have Windows Vista, Windows 7 or Windows 8 operating system.
2. If a Mac is being used, please inform your admissions advisor and the necessary software will be provided to install Windows and course software in a Virtual Machine.
3. Windows Update should be set to install software update automatically.
4. Microsoft Office 2010 (Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint) is used in the SJVC Online Computer courses. You will receive a copy of Microsoft Office with your first textbook shipment.
5. Internet Explorer 10 for Windows is the only supported web browser.
6. Mobile devices are not supported.

Security

It is important that students protect their computers. It can take only a few seconds for a vulnerable machine to be attacked and compromised.

In order to safely connect and to protect your computer from risk:

1. Install antivirus software.
2. Set the antivirus software to update DAILY.
3. Set Windows Update to install automatically.
4. Avoid file sharing services, such as Limewire and Frostwire, as they act as a breeding ground for viruses and worms.
5. DSL/Broadband users should set up a firewall, preferably a stand-alone device, such as a DSL/Cable router, rather than a software firewall.

Network connections

DSL/Cable internet connection required. Dial up and cellular air cards are not supported.

Component Requirements

Computer and Processor: 1 GHz minimum, or higher

Memory (RAM): 512 MB minimum; recommended 1 GB or higher

Hard Drive (Storage): Minimum 80 GB Hard drive, with at least 20 GB of free space

Optical Drive: DVD-ROM required to install software

Operating System: Windows Vista, Windows 7 or Windows 8 operating system

Additional: Actual requirement and software functionality may vary
