

DISCLOSURE OF ONLINE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

These are the minimum technology requirements required for students who take an online course at Albright College. Additional technology requirements may be needed for specific courses offered online.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIRED

Computer

- less than 5 years old. 1GB of RAM 2 GHz processor.
- Chromebooks are not recommended and may not be compatible with all third-party tools used in course shells.
- Windows 7 & newer, Apple OS 10.10 or higher, & Linux -Chrome OS.

Microphone & Headphones

- An external microphone is suggested for Zoom online meetings as well as video assignments.
- A headset may be used in place of the microphone.
- Speakers/headphones/earbuds for listening to audio, videos or Zoom sessions.

Internet/Browsers

- Minimum of 512 kbps. Canvas has been crafted to accommodate low bandwidth environments. Test internet speed at www.speedtest.net.
- Canvas is supported by Google Chrome, Firefox, Edge and Safari. All browsers should be updated to the latest version.
- Enable popups in browsers.
- Publicly available free wifi networks (e.g. Starbucks, library, airport, hotel) do not provide adequate connection.

Plugins

- Download and install Acrobat Reader (download from Adobe).
- Download and install Flash Player (download from Adobe).

COMPUTER SKILLS REQUIRED

Office 365

- Download and install MS Office - available in Office 365 from Albright College.
- Create documents using Word.
- Create presentations using PowerPoint.
- Send and receive emails using Outlook.

Canvas

- Login to Albright Canvas.
- Navigate Canvas -Albright's course management system.
- Download documents & presentations.
- Stream videos (ex. YouTube, Kaltura).
- Post and respond to classmates in a discussion forum.
- Upload assignments.
- Check grades.

Other software programs

- Download Zoom Conferencing Video session (access to webcam and microphone; headset recommended).
- Login and participate in Zoom conferences.
- Download and install software as needed for course.