

2023-24 Laptop Computer Recommendations

A laptop computer is essential for study at ASMSA, and all enrolled students should have a computer that meets or exceeds the minimum standards listed below. Students will use their laptop computers extensively during their studies for tasks such as accessing the course management/student information system, online exams, access to Microsoft Office and Adobe Creative Suite and other study materials, reading online textbooks, etc. Students who qualify for a full assessment waiver and do not otherwise have access to a laptop computer will be issued a device during their study at ASMSA.

PC Windows-Based Laptops

- CPU Processor: Non-ARM based processor supported by your operating system
- 8 GB RAM or higher recommended
- 64-bit Versions 10 22H2 and Windows 11 21H2 and 22H2 (*Alternate versions of Windows 10 and 11, such as Windows RT, and Windows S Mode are NOT supported*)
- 256 GB available hard drive space
- Webcam and microphone (internal or external) as well as an external pair of headphones
- Wi-Fi 802.11a/g/n (or faster)

Apple Macbooks

- Intel i3 processor (or higher) or Apple M1 processor (or higher)
- 8 GB RAM or higher
- MacOS 11.0 (Big Sur), 12.0 (Monterey), or 13.0 (Ventura)
- 256 GB available hard drive space
- Webcam and microphone (internal or external) as well as an external pair of headphones
- Wi-Fi 802.11 a/g/n (or faster)

Purchasing a New Laptop

If you have a laptop computer that meets these minimum requirements, you do not have to purchase a new computer. If you have a computer you've bought in the past two or three years which meets these requirements, it will be likely to work well for the duration of your time at ASMSA.

Repairs and Technical Support

It is your responsibility to maintain your computer. Therefore, you might want to consider an extended warranty to cover the computer while a student. The ASMSA IT Team will assist students on a very limited basis on hardware issues with personal devices. If you need assistance, please call 501-622-5104 or email techsupport@asmsa.org