

WHAT EQUIPMENT DO I NEED?

We recognise that some of/all your study will be online and therefore you will need access to more resources and technological equipment. We have put together the below information to help you make sure you have everything you need before you start your university journey.

What do I need access to?

You will need to access the University's resources via internet. As such you should have access to a computer (desktop/laptop) that is less than 5 years old alongside speakers/headphones/earbuds for listening to audio or videos presented and a webcam.

You will also need access to a stable internet connection. You will be given access to Microsoft Office 365 once you are registered on your programme, free of charge.

Do I need to bring a laptop to lectures and seminars?

No, it is not compulsory, but you may choose to do this if this is your preferred way of notetaking. If computers are necessary for a session, it will take place in a computer suite. In addition, our Birmingham and London campuses have laptops to borrow for use on campus and plenty of desktop PCs to work from in the library.

Please note, access to this equipment will be limited in line with UK government social distancing rules to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students.

Is it expensive to buy a new laptop?

If you are planning to buy a new computer, wait for your student card and university email address. With these, you will get access to student-only discounts and offers which may make purchasing a new laptop considerably cheaper at some retailers.

Your student discount can be used on a range of products and services, too. Smartphone apps like [UniDays](#) and [Student Beans](#) provide offers for many clothing and stationary retailers.

Can I use my smartphone instead of a laptop?

Our online sessions can be accessed via smartphone, but it is recommended that you have access to a tablet/laptop or a PC for ease of use and completing assessments.

Do I need a printer at home?

Though printing at university is not free, the cost is very low and it is unlikely you will be doing a lot of printing for your course. For example, most of your assignments will be submitted electronically. Tutors may want to see your assignment drafts, but these will only be a few pages long.

EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

We have put together this list to help you make sure you have everything you need:

Computer/laptop/tablet

Headset/earphones

Speakers (these are often built into devices – check this before purchasing)

Webcam (these are often built in laptops and tablets – check this before purchasing)

Internet access

If you have any questions on anything in this document, please contact a member of the team:

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We look forward to welcoming you!