

ACSC Minimum Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Requirements

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US students selected for ACSC must bring their own personal computing device. International Officers are not required to bring their own device, although they may do so if it meets all criteria below. Those international officers who do not bring their own device will be issued a US government computer for their use while a student at ACSC.

Each individual is responsible for the maintenance and repair of their own personal computing device. A limited number of Government “loaner” laptops will be available for temporary use should a student experience a catastrophic computer failure.

The use of Government Furnished Equipment (GFE) from any agency outside of ACSC is strongly discouraged, as these devices may experience compatibility issues that cannot be resolved.

Personal computing devices must meet the following standards:

HARDWARE (do NOT bring a desktop style computer for use in the seminar rooms)

- Laptop or notebook with a physical keyboard (MANDATORY)
 - Due to extensive curriculum writing requirements, tablets that do not have a physical keyboard will NOT be useful and are NOT recommended
- 802.11ac or 802.11n capable wireless card (MANDATORY; included in most laptops built since 2010)
- CAC reader (MANDATORY)
- CD/DVD drive (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED)

OPERATING SYSTEM

- Students may bring Windows-based or Mac devices. All devices must be running a fully licensed and activated version of the operating system. Additionally, all operating systems must have the latest security patches applied.
- For Windows devices:
 - Windows 7 or higher (MANDATORY)
 - Windows 10 (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED)
- For Mac devices:
 - OS X 10.13.3 (High Sierra) or higher (MANDATORY)

WEB BROWSER

- Modern web browser with the ability to run web-based applications
 - Chrome 63 or newer (RECOMMENDED)
 - Firefox 57 or newer
 - Internet Explorer 11 and Edge 40 or newer
 - Safari 10 or newer

OTHER SOFTWARE

- Adobe Acrobat Reader or other software capable of viewing and signing PDF files (MANDATORY)
- Office suite capable of processing Microsoft Office 2013 or 2016 file formats [Word, PowerPoint, Excel] (MANDATORY)
- Up-to-date anti-virus protection (MANDATORY)
 - Note: For US students, anti-virus and office software are often available for purchase at a significant discount via DoD or your service’s Home Use Program (HUP).

CERTIFICATION/COMPUTER-BASED TRAINING

- An annual certificate of completion for the DoD Cyber Awareness Challenge v.4 that covers the entire academic year until graduation (MANDATORY)