Laptop Requirements

Minimum specifications:

- Operating Systems:
  - Windows 7, or newer. Microsoft will no longer support Vista as of April 2012, so we strongly recommend that you upgrade to Windows 7
  - Mac OSX (Jaguar) or newer
  - Linux-based operating systems are not currently supported

- Wireless network card that supports 802.11 b/g/n and operating system that supports 802.11x authentication
- 4 GB RAM (2 GB can work, but is not recommended)
- Dual core processor or better

Other important considerations:

- Operating system updates should be routinely performed and configured to avoid downloading, installation and rebooting during test times.
- All other programs (including but not limited to instant messaging programs, Skype, anti-virus software, etc.) should be configured not to update or require user interaction during tests.
- Users should turn off automatic updates for Java. Before installing Java updates, verify that the new version is compatible with Blackboard and Respondus Lockdown Browser by contacting the Teaching & Learning Commons.
- The laptop must be configured to access our Campus_User wireless network. Users should routinely bring the laptop on campus and verify that network connectivity is working before test times.
- Students should routinely run appropriate anti-virus/anti-malware software to ensure the laptop remains uninfected.
- Students are responsible for downloading and installing Respondus Lockdown Browser from the Teaching & Learning Commons web page, if your instructor requires it. Students should periodically test the Lockdown Browser and ensure its functionality.
- Users should adjust power settings to ensure the laptop does not sleep or hibernate during the test.
- Ensure the laptop is in good working order, the battery is fully charged, you have the power supply with you, etc. If you are experiencing hardware or software issues, those should be addressed before test day.
For assistance in configuring or testing your laptop, please bring your laptop to the Teaching & Learning Commons before the day of the test.

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