

Minimum requirements for Online Courses at MLC

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that they have a computer system that meets or exceeds the minimum hardware and software specifications to participate in an online course. Note that the minimum specifications may result in slow access speeds and lead to some frustration. **Some courses may have additional hardware/software requirements**, as specified by the course instructor.

The MINIMUM Software Requirements:

Word Processing Software -- Must be able to save and read files created by Microsoft Word, which will be used by most course instructors. Microsoft Word (or an open-source equivalent) is preferred.

Web Browser -- Netscape 4.0 or Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher version (these are free downloadable programs) - If you plan on using a browser supplied by your Internet service provider (for example, AOL or WebTV) make sure it is the most recent version. We cannot guarantee that all course features will function in all non-Netscape or Internet Explorer browsers.

E-mail software or a Web browser capable of supporting e-mail activity, including sending/receiving attached files.

Adobe Acrobat Reader (for PDF files) -- Your course may also require other special (but free) plug-ins to access Streaming Media, or other web components.

Antivirus software

The MINIMUM Technical Requirements:

Participants are expected to have at least ...

- 1) a **basic knowledge of how to work with their computer** and its operating system,
- 2) a **basic knowledge of software applications** such as word processing, e-mail, an Internet browser, and search engines.

Note: It is the student's responsibility to seek out technical assistance as needed from a local resource person. MLC cannot provide assistance on how to work with your computer and its programs.

Internet access either via modem and phone line (dial-up service at 56.6Kbps or better) or a direct high speed connection (high speed access, such as DSL or Cable Modem is highly recommended).

An e-mail account for sending and receiving electronic mail via the Internet.

Access to an **IBM compatible** or suitable **Macintosh system** (see below for details).

Minimum PC Hardware Requirements:



- IBM compatible Pentium III 500 MHz PCs or above
- Windows 98 Operating System or better
- 128 MB RAM (or more)
- 56.6 kbps Modem or better
- Sound card and speakers
- At least 40 MB free disk space

Minimum Macintosh Hardware Requirements:



- Power PC, G3 233 MHz machines or better
- Mac OS 9 or higher
- 128 MB RAM (or more)
- 56.6 kbps Modem or better
- Sound card and speakers
- At least 40 MB free disk space