

BYOD IT Requirements

All SOM students are required to own a laptop that meets or exceeds SOMIT'S Minimum Standards. Tablets do not meet the requirement (except for Surface Pro tablets running standard Win 10/11 [not S model]). An external storage solution (hard drive or Cloud) is recommended for backing up data. While not required, we *strongly recommend* laptops be no more than 4 years old from date of purchase.

School of Medicine Laptop/Smartphone Requirements

All SOM students are required to own a laptop that meets or exceeds SOMITS' minimum IT requirements (see [Minimum Requirements](#)) and a smartphone (iOS or Android) capable of using Emory's [Duo Security Two-Factor Authentication](#). The Emory MD curriculum incorporates the following tasks:

- # Accessing and downloading course files (documents, presentations, videos, etc.)
- # Uploading collaborative assignment files (documents, presentations, videos, etc.)
- # Taking quizzes and exams
- # Participating in remote educational activities
- # Accessing resources through different browsers
- # Interfacing with applications and online activities that fulfill curricular requirements (e.g., course evaluations, course grades, etc.)

Students are required to attend the computer orientation session with their laptop so that laptops can be configured, certified, and approved for use. It is the responsibility of students to ensure that their SOMIT-approved laptop is in good working order and capable of running the required software on exam days and is compliant with current SOMITS technical requirements. Students who fail to certify their computer prior to starting medical school will not be able to continue in the curriculum. Students who extend their duration in the curriculum beyond their program's standard curriculum time are encouraged to visit the SOMITS office to ensure their device continues to meet current IT requirements.

The school will work with students who have barriers to purchasing a laptop/smartphone to determine temporary and long-term solutions. Students with barriers will not be penalized.

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