**COVID-19 University Technology Recommendations for Students**

Technology (hardware and software) and internet access will be key to course success in Fall 2020. Please check the following list to be certain you have the technology needed to be successful in your courses.

1. *Internet Access—You should make arrangements to have access to the Internet, preferably high-speed Internet, for the duration of this course.* A wired, high-speed, Internet connections (ethernet cable), is highly recommended especially when taking a test.
2. *Computer Operating Systems*
   * *For PCs: Windows 8+*
   * *For MACs: OS 10.13+*
   * *For Cellular Phones: iOS or Android*
3. *iOS Devices, any of these options should work; however, completing most course assignments will need a computer:*
   * *iPhone 6s or later, iPad Air 2 or later*
4. *Android Devices, any of these options should work; however, completing most course assignments will need a computer:*
   * *Samsung Galaxy (S9+, Note 9+), Google Pixel (3A+), OnePlus (7T+)*
5. *Software—You will be the most successful in this course if you have access to a computer with the following software installed:*

* *Microsoft Office* ***–Excel, Power Point and Word.*** *. A-State has secured for you access to the latest MS Office software for both Mac and PC users. For more information, please visit the* [*software download*](https://www.astate.edu/a/its/software-downloads/) *page where you will find other tools needed to be successful in this course.*
* *Students are welcome to use Mac Applications such as Keynote, Numbers, and Pages, but please plan to convert these documents to the Microsoft file types prior to assignment submission. This course technology requirement also applies to Google Slides, Sheets, and Docs.*
* *Browsers, Plug-ins, Players and Viewers—to take full advantage of all the features in this course, be sure you have the right technology at your fingertips. This includes:*
* *Blackboard-supported browser - Firefox 60+, Chrome 74+, and Safari 12+ (Internet Explorer is no longer supported) are compatible with the current version of Blackboard.*
* [*Acrobat Reader*](https://get.adobe.com/reader/)
* *It is recommend running the* [Blackboard Browser Check](https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting_Started/Browser_Support/Browser_Checker) *to verify installed plug-ins on your computer*

1. *Additional Computer Hardware: web camera, microphone, and speakers (can be internal hardware already available on your computer)*