Three Rivers College Minimum Computer System Requirements

Students are required to have regular, reliable access to a computer with a stable broadband Internet connection.

The following minimum hardware and software requirements are necessary to access an online class through Three Rivers' current version of Blackboard. Individual instructors may have additional requirements for specific classes. Be sure to check your course syllabi and discuss technology needs with your instructor as early in the class as possible.

If you plan to buy a new computer or plan to use an existing computer for your classes, we recommend that it meet or exceed the following minimum criteria:

	Windows	**Macintosh**
Operating System	Windows 10, or newer	Mac OS 12.7.1 or higher with security updates
Processor	Intel Core i3 or equivalent	Intel Core i3 or equivalent
Memory	8GB of RAM	8GB of RAM or higher
Hard Drive	250+ GB	250+ GB
Internet Connection	- Built-in ethernet adapter - Built-in wireless adapter - Broadband high-speed internet connection with a **consistent** minimum speed of 1.5 Mbps download, 750 Kbps upload - We do not recommend a Satellite Internet - Check your internet speed with the Honorlock SpeedTest.	- Built-in ethernet adapter - Built-in wireless adapter - Broadband high-speed internet connection with a **consistent** minimum speed of 1.5 Mbps download, 750 Kbps upload - We do not recommend a Satellite Internet - Check your internet speed with the Honorlock SpeedTest.

Internet Browser	• Google Chrome (Recommended) • Firefox (backup browser) • Edge (backup browser)	• Google Chrome (Recommended) • Firefox (backup browser) • Safari (Not Recommended)
Java	The most up-to-date version of Java is recommended to use for Blackboard.	
Chromebooks and iPads	While some students have had success using Chrome OS on Chromebooks or an iPad, many features are not supported on Blackboard. For example, the Pearson third-party platform and the Honorlock proctoring system are not supported on iPads. Therefore, neither of these devices are recommended.	
Blackboard App	While some students have had success using the Blackboard app, we recommend only using it to view assignments or announcements. We do not recommend submitting assignments as they may not be able to be viewed by your instructor.	