

# Enhance your learning experience.



## Personal electronic device guidelines for students

As a UNSW Global student, you will need a personal electronic device to enhance your learning, participate in class and study in your own time. We have prepared this guide to give you an overview of the types of devices you will need to complete your studies with us.

## Selecting the right device

You will need a suitably equipped laptop for all study activities. Some courses require additional devices such as a stylus or tablet. Smart phones are not recommended.

You should consider what may be involved in each learning activity and what type of device will be most productive and easy to use.

Learning Activity	Device Suitability		
	Required		Optional <sup>3</sup>
	Laptop with stylus or Laptop with separate tablet <sup>1</sup>	Laptop/Notebook <sup>2</sup>	Tablet
Simple web-based tasks	●	●	●
Short writing tasks	●	●	●
Writing tasks	●	●	●
Handwriting and sketching	●	●	●
Longer writing tasks	●	●	●
Complex or specialised tasks	●	●	●
Online exams	●	●	●

<sup>1</sup>Diploma in Computer Science, Diploma in Engineering and Diploma in Science students require a laptop with a stylus, or (in addition to their laptop/notebook), a suitable writing tablet with a stylus (e.g. small Wacom, model number CTL-472/K0-CX, which is compatible with PC Windows 7 or newer and Mac OSx10.10 or newer).

<sup>2</sup>Required for all other programs (excluding Diploma in Computer Science, Diploma in Engineering and Diploma in Science students).

<sup>3</sup>Tablets and Smart Phone devices are not appropriate for online exams or for any Design Courses.

### Key:

- Recommended for this activity
- Might be suitable for some students and some activities
- Not recommended for this activity



## Support

Support and maintenance of your own device is your responsibility as a student.

For assistance with passwords for UNSW supplied systems or software please visit: [my.unswglobal.unsw.edu.au](https://my.unswglobal.unsw.edu.au)

For non-password related IT assistance email [helpdesk@unswglobal.unsw.edu.au](mailto:helpdesk@unswglobal.unsw.edu.au)

> For more information contact [enquiries@unswglobal.unsw.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@unswglobal.unsw.edu.au)

# Required Specifications

Function	Minimum Requirements
Device hygiene	The device must have appropriate and up-to-date anti-virus and anti-spyware installed.
English Language settings	Operating systems and software applications must be installed with English language settings.
Headphones	To reduce background noise and improve overall sound quality, we recommend the use of headphones with a microphone for participation in online classes and some exams.
Microphone / camera	When participating in online classes and online exams a working camera and microphone is required.
Operating Systems	The device must use a legitimate licensed operating system.
Password protection / user authentication	The device must support password authentication and automatic locking that must be used at all times.
Software and licensing	<p><b>Office 365</b> UNSW Foundation Studies and Diploma students will get access to the basic suite of Microsoft Office software including Outlook, Word, Excel and PowerPoint, via Office 365. Additional details will be provided in the online IT Induction.</p> <p><b>Specialist software</b> Some courses, such as Design and Engineering, may require the use of specialist software. Details will be included in the Pre-Arrival Information you will receive before orientation.</p> <p><b>Other software</b> You are responsible for obtaining appropriately licensed copies of any applications or operating systems installed on your device/s, unless UNSW Global has specifically provided licensed copies for use by students.</p>
Web browser	Any modern web browser – Chrome, Firefox, Edge, Safari etc. Ensure you have updated to the latest version.

## Studying on campus?



### Wi-Fi

UNSW Global students can access UNSW Wi-Fi while on campus.



### Size and weight

Devices need to be brought to class daily so the device will need to be a practical weight and size to carry around all day.

**We recommend a maximum weight of 2kg.**



### Battery life

There are limited opportunities to recharge devices during an academic day, so devices will need to have sufficient battery life to use for several hours without recharging.

**An ideal battery life is 10 hours or more.**