

Loyola University New Orleans
Blackboard Specifications

When taking an online course at Loyola University New Orleans, your computer should meet these minimum specifications:

Internet Connection: A Broadband connection* is required for anyone taking an online course.

**note – not all broadband services are created equal. Connection speed can vary wildly based on geographic location and ISP. This is particularly true for “lite DSL” or similar levels of service.*

Browser and operating system: We recommend using the most recent version of one of the following browsers to access Loyola’s Blackboard system:

Windows or Mac:

- Mozilla Firefox (<http://www.mozilla.org>)
- Google Chrome (<http://www.google.com/chrome>)
- Apple Safari (<http://www.apple.com/safari/>)

Browser Settings: Java, Cookies must be enabled. You must also allow pop-ups.

Java plug-in. Java is required to use blackboard. If you are not sure if you have Java, go to <http://www.java.com> to check your system and download the plug-in if necessary.

Flash Player: Many courses use flash video that require you to have Adobe Flash Player installed on your machine. You can download the flash player at <http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>.

Adobe Reader: Adobe reader allows you to easily open pdf files which are commonly used in course delivery. You can download Adobe reader at <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>.

Memory: Minimum 1 GB RAM, 5 GB of free disk space. (If you have minimal RAM, you may have difficulty running other programs at the same time you are using Blackboard)

Processor Speed: 300 MHz or higher recommended

Monitor: A monitor capable of at least 800 x 600 resolution.

Speaker: Many courses use audio and video elements; therefore, speakers or headphones are required for those courses.

Additional suggested software:

- Microsoft Office 2003 or higher or other Office compatible software.
- QuickTime (<http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/>)

Note:

Please contact the instructor concerning specific software or hardware that may be required for his/her course.