

Technology Requirements

The computer is vital to completing this program. To make certain you can access all parts of the courses, we have outlined the hardware and software requirements for your computer below. Also, remember, the UALR Learning Resource Center is also available. In addition, computer access is available on the St. Vincent and UALR Benton campuses.

Equipment/Technology	Recommendations
PC	Pentium 1.2 GZ processor or better 512 MB of RAM 1 GB or more of free disk space
Internet Connection	High-speed Broadband (Cable modem or DSL) Corporate Local Area Network
Email Capabilities	MS Outlook or Outlook Express A unique email address: jsmith@ualr.edu (not shared by others in a family or company) 5+ MB of e-mail storage HTML email capabilities
Software	MS Office 2000 or higher (specifically Word, PowerPoint, Excel) Antivirus software Internet Explorer 6 or higher <input type="checkbox"/> Cookies enabled <input type="checkbox"/> Pop up Blocker Off
Plug-ins (free downloads)	Windows Media Player Adobe Acrobat Reader Flash Player Java 1.4.2 or higher *Click on the links above and download the most current versions.
Peripherals	Monitor display capable of 1024 X 768 pixel resolution Webcam (Logitech QuickCam Communicate STX or like model/capabilities) Headphones with a microphone Speakers Video card Sound cards Printer

Additional Tips:

1. Remove spyware
2. Disable pop-up blocker software

While using Blackboard, if you are unable to view discussion postings, quiz windows, and documents such as Word or PDFs, then you need to disable pop-up blocking. Pop-up blockers work in the background while you browse the internet. When they detect a pop-up window that may be an unwanted advertisement, they automatically close the window. This can prevent Blackboard from performing properly.

To disable pop-up blockers for Blackboard:

a) Search your hard drive for any software with "pop-up" in the name. Disable it or set Blackboard as an allowed site. Examples of popular pop-up blocking applications include:

- Pop-Up Stopper
- Pop-Up Defender
- Pop-Up Zapper

Additionally:

You need the following skills in order to participate in an online course. If you do not have any or one of the following skills, then you can simply visit the [basic skills tutorials](#) page.

You may visit our on-line course overview and registration webpage at <http://ualr.edu/onlinecourses/index.php/home/overview/>.