

## Hardware

The list below provides preferred hardware for students taking online classes at Stark State College:

- Computer, laptop or Chromebook (phones and iPads are not guaranteed to allow access to all content features).
- Internet access (either hardwired or WiFi)
- Working Webcam (which must include a microphone) and speakers
- Review the information [found on this blog page](#) to prepare for the semester.

## Software

Software requirements include:

- **Microsoft Office or Google Workspace**
  - If students are using Google, they must be able to export the files they create and save them with Microsoft Office extensions for uploading into Brightspace. Most faculty require Word, Excel and PowerPoint files.
  - Students taking classes requiring Microsoft Office, must have access to a computer with that software.
  - Stark State College students can [download Microsoft Office 365 for free](#).
- **Browsers - Chrome or Edge**
  - These are the only approved browsers for Brightspace. Students must have access to at least one of these browsers.
- **Respondus Lockdown Browser**
  - This software may be required for proctored (monitored) testing. This is used in place of proctored testing in a testing center or other approved testing site.
  - [Click here for installation instructions](#).
- **Adobe Acrobat Reader**
  - Students will need to open and view .pdf documents.

## Website Access

Here is a list of common websites used in our courses. Students will need access to them to fully participate in their classes.

- Brightspace: [ess.starkstate.edu/](https://ess.starkstate.edu/)
- mySSC: [myssc.starkstate.edu](https://myssc.starkstate.edu)
- Student Blog: <https://estudent.starkstate.edu/>

## Browser Settings

These setting changes are required in order for students to be successful.

- Access for video and audio for Zoom virtual classes and office hours.
- Pop-ups need to be enabled
- Ability to download documents