All entering medical students at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA are required to have a computer (laptop) and printer. Student must have high-speed internet connectivity to electronically communicate and share documents with faculty, staff and other students, and be able to access online exams and web-based instructional programs.

Please Note: If you receive financial aid, you will only be eligible to receive funds for the Computing Requirement in your first year.

Laptop/Platform Required: PC-Compatible or Mac; laptop ONLY manufactured in 2010 or later.

The minimum required screen size for a newly purchased laptop is 13". While this screen size is adequate for most instructional applications, for some, including exam questions with images, you may need to scroll horizontally. If you have something smaller than 13", you are permitted to use it while being advised that this screen size will be highly inadequate for several instructional applications, particularly with interactive images. Be sure your laptop has Wi-Fi capability (as opposed to cellular).

Internet Connectivity, Required: High Speed (Broadband) Internet Connectivity

Printer, Required: A laser jet for printing out class notes/slides for class sessions.

Operating Systems:
PC Minimum Requirement: Win 7 or newer
Mac Minimum Requirement: OS X(10.7 or newer)

NOTE: You may need to update your OS and browser for security and compatibility reasons.

Productivity Tools:
PC Minimum Requirement: Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Microsoft Office 2007 or above
Mac Minimum Requirement: Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Microsoft Office 2008 or above

Maintenance/Warranty and Insurance:
Required: Obtain a 4 year warranty/maintenance agreement and insurance policy to cover your computer and printer.
Consideration: computers are typically covered under Renters Insurance; laptops may not be. Check your policy.

See more Information on the Computer Requirement