Technology Requirements for Online Learning

1. Internet Connection

Make sure it is good enough internet that connection does not get lost during video conferencing and that you can access course materials like videos.

2. Reliable Computer

A laptop or desktop computer is recommended, but other devices can be acceptable as well. Make sure your device allows you to connect to the internet, participate in video conferencing, type papers, complete projects, and access websites and materials for your classes.

3. Web Cam, Speakers and Microphone

Many of your classes may require you to participate in video conferencing via Teams, Webex, or Blackboard Collaborate. This allows your classmates and professor to see and hear your input. In order to get the full benefit of attending class like this, make sure your device has a working web cam, speakers, and microphone.

4. Supported Browsers on Your Device

Different features of Blackboard may require you to have access to different browsers or operating systems. For example, to use Proctorio to proctor a test for you, Google Chrome is needed. To know what Browsers you need, check out your syllabus, ask your professor, and look at the Blackboard Support website for Students.

Blackboard Support for Students Homepage
Getting Started section which includes Browser Support and How to Succeed Online

5. Email

It is important to check email daily during the semester because all communication from Blackboard, professors, and the University should be going to your CCSU email as well as notifications. In addition, students have access to a multitude of Microsoft products including Word, PowerPoint, and Excel. Another important note is that you need to know your email and password to login to Blackboard, Teams, and other sites.