

# ONLINE TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Students taking online classes must have access to the following technology resources:

## **Computer / Operating System:**

- Desktop or Laptop computer with either Windows 10 or Mac OS X 10 or greater.
- Windows based computers should be updated at least once per month.
- Both Windows and Mac users should install Mozilla Firefox and Google Chrome internet browsers.
- Mac Users: Safari Browser: In order to use Safari internet browser, you will need to enable “All Cookies” in the SAFARI browser settings.
- Chrome OS / Chromebook Computers: We cannot support and we do not recommend using a Google Chromebook. At this time, there are elements of the online course that cannot be completed using a Chromebook.

## **Hardware:**

- 8 GB RAM or more
- Hard Drive with at least 50% free available disk space.
- Functional Web Cam (Less than 4 years old)

## **Internet Connection:**

A Broadband Internet Connection (10 Mbs or faster) is required.

## **Software:**

- Microsoft Office 365 is recommended and available to download for free through the student portal, “MyCampus”.
- Adobe Acrobat Reader - [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com)
- Mozilla Firefox browser - [www.mozilla.org](http://www.mozilla.org)
- Google Chrome browser - [www.google.com/chrome](http://www.google.com/chrome)
- Anti-virus/Anti-Spyware Software

Our Office of Information Technology recommends:

- Webroot Security Suite – Subscription Based
- PC Matic ([www.pcmatic.com](http://www.pcmatic.com)) – Subscription Based

Free Antivirus is NOT recommended. It will not protect your computer.

**DO NOT USE:** Microsoft Internet Explorer should not be used under any circumstances.

## Email Account

A valid email address is required for all of our students. Therefore, Luther Rice provides a student email account for active students. Students should check their student email account at least once per week. (e.g., firstname.lastname@student.lutherrice.edu)

## Your Data Retention

Student email accounts will be deleted or disabled immediately when any of the following occur:

- Student graduates from their program.
- Student becomes inactive.

Therefore, students should make arrangements to backup or archive their student email (and other data) prior to graduating or becoming inactive.

## Technology Assistance

Students should access <https://oit.lutherrice.edu> to resolve their technology related questions 24/7. Students can communicate live via phone or LiveChat with an IT representative during regular business hours (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM) EST.



*"My experience at Luther Rice has truly been rewarding. My understanding of the Bible and Christian theology has matured and been strengthened upon a firmer foundation. The Luther Rice administration, faculty, and staff have nurtured my role as a student and my role in the local church."*

***Ryan Greene, Master of Arts in Christian Studies Graduate and  
Master of Divinity Student***