Commitment to quality education is a primary objective of the Hankamer School of Business, and since personal computers and wireless networking play an integral role in business, every MBA and MSIS student must have a notebook computer for their graduate business program.

When you arrive, please bring a computer which meets or exceeds the minimum standards listed below.

**Windows Operating System Notebooks**

Operating System: Windows 7, Windows 8 or Windows 10

Office Suite: Microsoft Office 2010 Professional (32-bit) or Microsoft Office 2013 Professional (32-bit) (Preferred)

Applications to arrive with: Adobe Reader, Adobe Flash Player, and Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome browser.

Applications currently furnished to students: Symantec Antivirus, MegaStat (Excel add-in) and @Risk.

**Macintosh Operating System Notebooks**

Macs are permitted but since one major software program used in class will run only on Windows, Mac systems must include the purchase of the following additional software to facilitate running Windows:

1. Windows emulation software such as VMWare Fusion or Parallels (Note: Free emulators will not run specialized software required by the program)
2. Windows 8 (available for purchase from the Baylor Bookstore at a low cost)
3. Microsoft Office 2013 Professional (32-bit) (available at the Baylor Bookstore at a low cost)

**Connectivity:** The notebook must be capable of connecting to Baylor’s secured wireless network. All classrooms, conference rooms, and team rooms in the Business School have HDMI connections to connect to flat-screen monitors or video projectors. You may need an adapter if your computer has a mini-HDMI or other video port rather than a full sized HDMI slot.

**Repair:** The classroom environment is relatively hard on your notebook computer. The wear and tear of carrying the notebook around daily, turning it on and off, connecting and disconnecting from the Baylor network can cause many students to experience hardware failure or significant software problems. Since you will use your computer every day, be prepared if your computer breaks. Know your warranty and repair policies. An on-campus hardware repair shop in the Baylor Bookstore is available to students for a fee.

**Support:** You can seek support from the University. Baylor’s Electronic Library provides academic technology support and services for students.

If you have any questions about the notebook requirement, please contact Laurie Wilson, Director for Graduate Business Degree Programs, at 1-800-583-0622.