Distance Education Computer Requirements

Many Northwestern distance education courses deliver streaming video over the Internet. Participation in distance education courses relies on the use of a personal computer with such capability. You may test your computer system with several <u>sample videos</u> or compare your system with the following computer requirements.

MICROSOFT WINDOWS	
MINIMUM	RECOMMENDED
Windows XP	Windows XP or Windows 7
1 GHz or better processor	2 GHz or better processor
1 GB RAM	2 GB RAM
Monitor capable of 800x600 resolution	Monitor capable of 1024x768 resolution
Speakers	Speakers
Microsoft Office 2003 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)*	Microsoft Office 2007 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)*
Adobe Acrobat Reader 7.0	Adobe Acrobat Reader 9.0+
Internet Explorer 6.x OR Mozilla Firefox 2.0 web browser	Internet Explorer 8.0+ OR Mozilla Firefox 3.0 web browser
Adobe Flash Player	Adobe Flash Player
Windows Media Player	Windows Media Player
Printer	Printer
APPLE MACINTOSH PLATFORM	
MINIMUM	RECOMMENDED
G4 processor	DuoCore processor
1 GB RAM	2 GB RAM
Monitor capable of 800x600 resolution	Monitor capable of 1924x768 resolution
Mac OS 10.4+	Mac OS 10.5+
Microsoft Office 2004 for Mac (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)*	Microsoft Office 2008 for Mac (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)*
Adobe Acrobat Reader 7.0	Adobe Acrobat Reader 7.0
Mozilla Firefox web browser 3.x+	Mozilla Firefox web browser 3.x+
QuickTime Player OR Windows Media Player	QuickTime Player OR Windows Media Player
Adobe Flash Player	Adobe Flash Player
Printer	Printer
INTERNET ACCESS	
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^{*} OpenOffice, an alternative software suite available for free download at OpenOffice.org may also be used. Assignments created with OpenOffice must be saved in a format that can be read by Microsoft Word, Excel or PowerPoint.

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