

Information for students regarding personal computers for study

The University of Sheffield does not impose a requirement on your choice of computer or the software you would like to run on it, except for Windows 7 and Windows 10 (from October 2025) which are blocked from using the network. The latest version of Windows 11 and Mac OS are recommended. Many of the core online services will require an up-to date web browser, chrome is preferred for the best compatibility.

It's easy to connect your own computer, tablet and phone to University Wi-Fi and access our online services. https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/it-services/eduroam Microsoft Office 365 and other software packages are available here https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/software/ You can also print from your computer to University printers.

https://students.sheffield.ac.uk/it-services/print-copy-scan. There are PCs running Windows for students across campus. The School of Clinical Dentistry also has a small IT suite available to students.

At registration you will be provided with a University IT account. This includes an email address, file storage and online apps for creating and editing documents. (Learn more at: https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/it-services/google)

There's also advice to help you study safely and securely when off-campus. You can find further information here: https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/it-services/studying-from-home/it-services

You do not require an expensive laptop, and many of the online services you will require are accessible from mobile devices.

At the start of the course you will receive guidance on the how to access and use the University services, and how to connect your own devices.