



SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND JUSTICE STUDIES

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To Cybersecurity Students:

Welcome to the Utica University Cybersecurity program! You are about to embark on an exciting course of study that will prepare you for a successful career as a cybersecurity professional. To succeed in your program, you need to have an appropriate laptop to complete your work. The purpose of this memo is to provide guidance and guidelines for computer (hardware and software) requirements for the Cybersecurity program(s).

Cybersecurity students must have a laptop that will allow them to run numerous cybersecurity tools, create virtual machines (VMware Workstation Pro is free for all cybersecurity students), and design and run simple, intermediate, and complex cybersecurity experiments. Digital Forensics and Incident Response classes require computers that can run various computer forensics software packages.

Cybersecurity students must have a Windows laptop with the following minimum specifications:

14.0" Screen or larger (tasks often use multiple open applications and screens)
64-bit quad core or Intel Core i7
12GB memory (minimum) or 16GB memory (preferred)
512GB SSD or 1TB hard drive storage

The Cybersecurity Faculty wants to remind students that PCs are more commonly used in cybersecurity than Macs. **You will not be able to complete the cybersecurity program using a Mac, Chromebook, Surface Pro, iPad, or similar tablet device.** Furthermore, the Cybersecurity Faculty will not provide technical support for students attempting to use anything but a PC in this program.

If you have any questions please reach out to Dr. Leslie Corbo (lecorbo@utica.edu) or Professor Andrew Carr (ajcarr@utica.edu).

Sincerely,

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