

## Computer Requirements for Worldwide Online Courses

Your computer is the primary link to Worldwide Online courses and a significant component of your academic success. Embry-Riddle Worldwide Online recommends that you purchase a new computer at the start of your program and we offer discount opportunities through [Dell](#), our preferred vendor.

Worldwide Online also recommends a broadband internet connection (DSL or Cable) to maximize your learning experience.

Worldwide Online uses the Blackboard Academic Suite, learning management system to deliver online courses. These requirements are determined in part, by what is appropriate for our current version of Blackboard and are subject to change. Please contact an advisor if you have questions about the suitability of your computer or internet connection.

### Computer Requirements:

	Minimum	Recommended
Processor	1 GHz	2 GHz or higher
Operating System	Windows XP	Windows XP or Vista
RAM	1 GB	2 GB or more
Hard Drive	40 GB	60 GB or more
Display	1024 x 768	1280 x 1024
Optical Drive	CD-ROM	CD-RW/DVD Combo
Sound	16-bit sound card and speakers	32-bit sound card and speakers
Internet Connection	DSL	Cable or faster

*Although not officially supported by the University, certain configurations of Apple computers with Mac Operating Systems, using Firefox or Safari browsers can be used to access Blackboard, but users may experience compatibility issues.*

***It is the responsibility of the student to use or have access to an operating system that is compatible with all software and courseware used in Worldwide Online courses.***

### Peripherals:

A printer and data back-up capability such as a CD burner or external storage (e.g. USB Flash/thumb drive) are strongly recommended.

## Software Requirements:

	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Office Suite**	Microsoft Office 2003	Microsoft Office 2003 or 2007*
Browser	Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 with 128 bit Security Encryption or Mozilla Firefox 1.5	Microsoft Internet Explorer 7.0 with 128 bit Security Encryption or Mozilla Firefox 2.0
Anti-virus and anti-spyware	This software is strongly recommended. Be certain to perform regular software updates; using expired software is risky.	

*\*\* Certain courses require the use of Office 2007, check with an advisor. Microsoft Office Professional Plus 2007 is available for purchase from the University at a significant discount.*

## Plug-ins (Free Downloads):

- Flash Player 9 or higher
- Shockwave Player (current version)
- Adobe Acrobat (current version)
- Windows Media Player 11 or higher
- Java 1.5.2 or higher

## Network Compatibility:

Military and business networks typically have security limitations that may cause problems for Worldwide Online customers. Some networks block cookies, popups, streaming media content or Java applets, all of which are necessary for proper operation of our online courses. Military networks may also limit internet access time resulting in problems completing online exams. Please access Worldwide Online from home or another computer location if you experience these problems.

## AOL Compatibility:

America Online is not compatible with Blackboard. If you must use AOL to connect to the internet, once the connection is made, minimize the AOL window and use Internet Explorer to connect to Blackboard. Use caution however, as AOL does not consider a separate browser window to be online activity, and may terminate your connection without warning.