ONLINE TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Students taking online classes must have access to the following technology resources:

Computer / Operating System:

• Desktop or Laptop computer with either Windows 10, Windows 11 or Mac OS X 10 or greater.

• Windows computers should be updated at least once per month.

• Both Windows and Mac users should install Google Chrome internet browser. Please do not use Firefox or Internet Explorer (deprecated).

• Mac Users: Safari Browser: In order to use Safari internet browser, you will need to enable "All Cookies" in the SAFARI browser settings.

• Chrome OS / Chromebook Computers: We do not support or recommend using a Google Chromebook. At this time, there are elements of the online course that cannot be completed using a Chromebook.

Hardware:

• 8 GB RAM or more (16GB is recommended for performance)
• Hard Drive with at least 50% free available disk space.
• Functional Web Cam (Less than 4 years old) - Test yours before the course begins.

Internet Connection:

A Broadband Internet Connection (10 Mbs or faster) is required.

Software:

• Microsoft Office 365 is free to download for active students. Your subscription is only valid while your an active student. You may download Microsoft Office365 through the student portal, "MyCampus" (https://mycampus.luther rice.edu).
• Adobe Acrobat Reader   - www.adobe.com
• Google Chrome browser   - www.google.com/chrome
• Anti-virus/Anti-Spyware Software
The Office of Information Technology recommends either of these products:
  • Webroot Security Suite – Subscription Based
  • PC Matic (www.pcmatic.com) – Subscription Based
Free Antivirus is NOT recommended. It will not protect your computer.

DO NOT USE: Microsoft Internet Explorer should not be used under any circumstances.

Email Account

A valid email address is required for all of our students. Therefore, Luther Rice provides a student email account for active students. Students should check their student email account at least once per week. (e.g., firstname.lastname@student.lutherrice.edu)

Your Data Retention

Student email accounts will be deleted or disabled immediately when any of the following occur:
- Student graduates from their program.
- Student becomes inactive.

It is the student's responsibility to backup or archive any student email, files, or other data, as Luther Rice does not backup student email or data.

Technology Assistance

Students should access https://oit.lutherrice.edu to resolve their technology related questions 24/7. Students can communicate live via phone or LiveChat with an IT representative during regular business hours (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM) EST.

"My experience at Luther Rice has truly been rewarding. My understanding of the Bible and Christian theology has matured and been strengthened upon a firmer foundation. The Luther Rice administration, faculty, and staff have nurtured my role as a student and my role in the local church."

Ryan Greene, Master of Arts in Christian Studies Graduate