

# BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

## HFPA Student Device Requirements

HFPA students require reliable access to a personal laptop or desktop computer and the internet to participate fully in their studies. The device is used to access the learning platform, communicate by email, attend online learning activities where applicable, complete assignments using applications such as Microsoft Word and Excel, and download or upload learning materials. The prescribed and recommended reading material is also found online.

**HFPA programmes do not require specialist computing, graphics, engineering or software-development capability.** The specifications below therefore provide an appropriate balance between affordability, reliability and sufficient performance for normal academic study.

### Recommended minimum specification

| COMPONENT             | HFPA REQUIREMENT                                                                                                                                     |
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| Device                | Laptop preferred; desktop computer is acceptable where mobility is not required.                                                                     |
| Processor             | Intel Core i3 (10th generation or newer), AMD Ryzen 3 equivalent, or better.                                                                         |
| Memory (RAM)          | 8 GB minimum.                                                                                                                                        |
| Storage               | 256 GB SSD minimum; 512 GB SSD recommended where affordable.                                                                                         |
| Operating system      | Windows 11; or a current macOS version capable of running required study applications.                                                               |
| Display               | 13-inch or larger screen recommended; standard integrated graphics are sufficient.                                                                   |
| Internet connectivity | Reliable broadband, fibre, LTE or 5G internet connection. Uncapped or high-data access is recommended.                                               |
| Camera and audio      | Built-in or external webcam, microphone and speakers/headphones recommended; required where online classes, meetings or assessments use video/audio. |
| Connectivity          | Wi-Fi capability. At least one USB port or suitable adaptor is recommended.                                                                          |

### Campus connectivity and student resources.

Wi-Fi access is provided on HFPA campuses to support students in accessing online learning resources and completing academic activities. Each campus also provides computer resources that students may access for study purposes when required. In addition, registered HFPA students receive access to a Microsoft 365 licence at no additional cost for the duration of their studies, providing access to applications such as Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and related Microsoft 365 services.

### Important

A smartphone or tablet is useful as a supplementary device but is not recommended as a student's only study device, as completing assignments and working with documents and spreadsheets is substantially easier on a laptop or desktop computer. Students are responsible for maintaining their device, software and internet access throughout their period of study.