



## Hybrid Course Technology Requirements

Perkins School of Theology uses the [Canvas](#) learning platform and other software to support courses combining face-to-face and online instruction (hybrid) in the Houston/Galveston degree programs and occasional courses in other programs. Students enrolled in hybrid courses must have ready access to technology that meets the following standards in order to participate successfully.

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### Hardware:

A Microsoft Windows or Apple computer not more than 5 years old. Canvas offers mobile clients for IOS and Android but those platforms alone are not sufficient to realize the requirements of the program.

- Display: 800 x 600 minimum screen resolution
- Operating System: Windows 7 or higher / Mac OSX 10.6 or higher
- Memory: 4 GB RAM
- Processor: At least 2 GHz
- Hard Drive: 250 GB (2 GB free)
- Communications: Headphone set with microphone  
Webcam
- Video: Access to a digital video camera (not a phone) for some courses

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### Internet:

A minimum of 8 megabits per second download speed is required to view videos that are an integral part of instruction. Keep in mind that you may be sharing the total available bandwidth with other people and devices at your location. Reliable, trustworthy access to the Internet is essential to successfully completing the program. If you have questions or concerns about your connection, please contact Duane Harbin ([धारbin@smu.edu](mailto:धारbin@smu.edu) / 214.768.2663).

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### Internet Browser:

Canvas supports the current and immediate prior release of the following browsers:

- Chrome: <https://www.google.com/chrome/>
- Firefox: <https://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/new/>
- Edge: Microsoft Windows only
- Safari: Apple OSX only

In addition, some functions may require the use of:

- Adobe Flash: <https://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>
- Respondus Lockdown Browser: <https://www.smu.edu/OIT/Services/LockDownBrowser>

For the latest Canvas browser requirements, see [here](#).

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### **Software:**

You must have all of the following:

- SMU VPN (available to enrolled students): <https://www.smu.edu/OIT/Services/VPN>
- Latest version of Adobe Reader: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>
- Microsoft Office 365 (available to enrolled students): <https://office365.smu.edu>

Occasionally, additional software tools are required in individual classes. Most of these are available to students without charge through SMU licensing. If software is required for student purchase, it will be listed with the course book requirements.

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### **Email:**

Perkins students must track their SMU-assigned email account. All SMU and Perkins communications are routed to that account, including communications generated from Canvas courses.