



# COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR AN ONLINE COURSE

Below are some recommendations for completing your online course through Canvas, Oklahoma State University's learning management system.

### Connectivity

- Ensure you have a high-speed internet connection.
- Windows 7 or Mac OS Mavericks or newer operating system preferred.
- Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox web browser preferred (some videos are not compatible with Internet Explorer, Edge or Safari).

### Canvas Tech Requirements

- Canvas basic computer specifications: <https://guides.instructure.com/m/67952/l/720328>
- Commonly Used Software with Canvas:
  - Flash Player Download Assistance: <https://helpx.adobe.com/flash-player.html>
  - Java Update: <https://www.java.com/en/download/installed.jsp>
  - Adobe Reader: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>
  - Respondus LockDown Browser: <https://www.respondus.com/products/lockdown-browser/requirements.shtml>
- **Time Zones:** If you are located in a time zone other than Central Standard Time, go to your profile settings in Canvas and change your preferred time zone. Changing the time zone will automatically adjust due dates and deadlines to your equivalent preferred time. This step is only necessary on a laptop or desktop, as most mobile devices will automatically sync to the local time zone.
- **Notifications:** Canvas can send you emails and text messages when updates to your courses occur. Notification preferences can be modified under your profile settings in Canvas. **\*Not every course will be set up to send notifications.** Each course will be different as instructors must select to turn on notifications within each course. Contact your instructor to see if course notifications are turned on for your online course.

### Accessibility

- Considerations such as close captioning and thoughtful design to assist screen readers (among other needs) for successfully completing an online course are implemented to the best of the instructor's ability. Requests for these or any other accommodations should be submitted to the OSU Student Disability Services at: <http://sds.okstate.edu>. In addition to the formal request, contact your instructor as soon as possible to discuss potential accommodations.
- Additional accessibility resources:
  - OSU Web Accessibility: <http://access.it.okstate.edu>
  - Canvas Accessibility Tips: <https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-2061-accessibility-within-canvas>