COMPUTER SPECIFICATIONS (MINIMUM AND RECOMMENDED)

Operating System: Windows (recommended) or Apple MacOS

Memory: 16 GB RAM (minimum and recommended)

Storage: 256 GB SSD (minimum); 512 GB SSD (recommended)

Webcam: 720p (minimum); 1080p, or above (recommended)

Windows Processor: Intel i5 (minimum); Intel i7 (recommended)

Apple Processor: M2 (or higher)

UNSUPPORTED DEVICES (NOT RECOMMENDED)

Chromebooks and Chrome OS-Based Devices: Chromebooks and any devices operating on Chrome OS are not supported.

Apple iPads: iPads are supported for some applications; however, they may not provide full functionality for all required software used within our majors. As such, they are not recommended as a primary device.

Answers to questions/Additional Information

1. **Postcard vs. Website Specs**
   - The specs listed on the postcard for our students exceed those provided on the YSU website, which is ok.
   - It's important to note that the YSU website outlines *minimum* specifications, while the postcard includes *recommended* specifications.
   - The IT department has had ongoing discussions about balancing the necessary specs with what is financially accessible for students. Ryan suggested adopting a dual approach, specifying both minimum and recommended specs for clarity.
2. **Mac Computer Specs**
   Conversations highlighted the need to include specifications for Mac computers, given the percentage of students who currently own or plan to purchase a Mac.

3. **Security and Computer Specs**
   While both security and computer specifications are important considerations, they are not directly connected.