Technology Requirements for On-line Classes

To complete coursework in a distance-learning environment through Tougaloo College, students will need sufficient technology and Internet access. Please note that a 56K modem is the minimum requirement; but will likely cause delays and may provide poor audio and video clarity when viewing streaming video on-line. The following list will help verify that students are adequately equipped:

- Windows XP SP3, Windows Vista, Windows 7; Macintosh OS 10.4 or better
- Microsoft Office Suite (any version that includes the following: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access) 2003, 2007, 2010
- 1 gigahertz (GHz) or faster 32-bit (x86) or 64-bit (x64) processor
- 1 gigabyte (GB) RAM (32-bit) or 2 GB RAM (64-bit).
- CD-ROM, DVD-ROM, USB port
- Video: 32MB Video Card
- Sound card and compatible speakers and microphone
- Wireless adapter (also called a Network Interface Card or NIC) for Internet Access. It should support the IEEE 802.11 a/n or IEE 802.11b/g/n standards. Wireless adapters are either built into the laptop, or external through the use of a PCMCIA slot or USB port. Make sure you are using the latest software drivers for your wireless adapter, which usually are available on the manufacturer's website.
- High speed Internet access; or minimum of 56K modem
- E-mail account
- Internet Browser: select one (1) of the following:
  - Chrome
  - Internet Explorer 7
  - Internet Explorer 8 (in Compatibility View)
  - Mozilla Firefox (versions 3.5.7, 3.6.3, and 3.6.6)
  - Safari
- Anti-Virus software
- There may be other software and/or plug-ins, as the ones listed below, that may need to be installed or purchased as required per specific module. Students will be required to check with your their instructor to make sure they have all of the necessary software for their module.

Software and Plug-ins:
- Adobe Acrobat Reader - Acrobat Reader allows you to view and print PDF files on all major computer platforms.
- Adobe (Macromedia) Shockwave and Flash - Shockwave and Flash presents interactive animations with streaming audio and video.
- Quick Time Player
- Sun Systems Java - Java provides the ability for interaction with web pages through applets.
- Windows Media Player