When choosing an electronic device to access the Colorado State University's on-line Learning Management System, certain types of electronic devices provide a better overall experience. Additionally, as CSU transitions its on-line Learning Management System from Ram CT Blackboard to Canvas starting in the Spring 2015 semester, students may want to acquire electronic devices that work well in both the RamCT and Canvas environments. For those who may be unfamiliar with Canvas, it is a cloud-based technology platform that provides a wide range of functions for on-line learning, such as assignments, grading, student-instructor communication, collaborative learning tools and much more. Here are some general guidelines to help you select the appropriate device.

The devices providing the best RamCT or Canvas experience are:
  - A PC or notebook computer running Windows 7 or above
  - An Apple Mac running OS X or above
  - A tablet running Windows 8.1 or above (not Windows RT)

While Canvas does have mobile applications making it easy to view class content on a mobile device, there are inherent mobile limitations. The Canvas mobile applications work best for viewing assignments, course content and grades. Canvas is designed to work best on a traditional notebook or desktop computer. To complete and submit assignments, as well as taking exams and participating in online discussions, a traditional notebook or desktop computer is your best choice.

If you have questions about selecting or configuring electronic devices, please contact the CVMBS IT Services Help Desk at 297-4357 or by email at cvmbs_computerhelp@Mail.Colostate.edu.

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