These computer standards are set for the incoming students April 2014. Each student must have a personal lap top computer capable of running the necessary software and applications used in our curriculum. The standards listed below are the minimum necessary for a student to successfully participate in the CEA MS Program.

All computer related support, troubleshooting, and updates will be the student’s responsibility; it is highly suggested that a service plan be purchased.

If you are eligible for federal student aid and you provide required information, you may be able to increase your financial aid budget to be reimbursed over the academic year for the cost of your computer please contact the Office of Financial Aid finaid@evms.edu or 757-446-5804.

- **Laptop**
  - NOTE: Netbooks, iPads and other tablets are not viable choices to fulfill the computing requirements.
  - Processor: minimum dual core
  - RAM: minimum 4 GB
  - Screen Resolution: 1024x768
  - Either an internal CD/DVD drive or an external USB CD/DVD drive
  - Wireless card that supports 802.11 a/b/g/n (additional support for 802.11ac is preferred)

- **Operating System**
  - Windows 7 or 8 (32 or 64 bit) Home Premium or higher is recommended
  - MAC OSX 10.6 or higher will likely work
    - MAC OPERATING SYSTEMS ARE NOT OFFICIALLY SUPPORTED AT EVMS

- **Browser**
  - PC: Microsoft Internet Explorer version 9 and Mozilla Firefox
  - MAC: Safari versions 3.2.1 or higher and Mozilla Firefox
    - DO NOT USE BETA VERSIONS OF THESE BROWSERS

- **OTHER Items**
  - The computer cannot be more than 2 years old
  - A warranty and service plan matching the duration of the program
  - Microsoft Office 2010 Standard Edition or Higher
    - THIS CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH EVMS AT A REDUCED RATE AFTER ENROLLMENT
  - External Storage device for data backup

**Computing Requirement Questions??** Contact the CEA Program ashleybe@evms.edu