

Installing Windows on Mac laptops using Boot Camp

Getting Started

Be prepared before you begin this process. Students should allow for at least 1-2 hours to complete this installation. Read all of the instructions before you begin and be patient.

If your Mac purchase is new, you can request installation support for Windows in Boot Camp at the closest Apple Store.

Students can also seek assistance at the AU Library at the OIT Tech Support Desk. If you contact Help Desk 202-885-2550 or helpdesk@american.edu, please specify that you are a Kogod student who needs help installing Windows on a Mac computer. Please note, OIT will do their best to respond to your installation related questions but during peak periods you should expect to wait; please plan accordingly.

Prerequisites

Before you begin, make sure you have everything you need.

- **Fully Updated MacOS:** please update your MacOS to the latest release.
- **Free Windows 10 license** from american.onthehub.com
- **Install disk image (ISO):** you can download the file directly from Microsoft: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/software-download/windows10ISO>
- A **16 GB USB flash drive** that you can erase. With OS X El Capitan 10.11 or later, some laptop models use the internal drive to temporarily store what you need to install Windows, so you might not need a USB flash drive for [these Mac models](#).
- At least **50 GB of free disk space** on your laptop drive. (check free space by clicking on Apple sign -> About this Mac -> Storage tab).
- Plan for about 2 hours installation time. Connect your laptop to a power source during installation.

Follow these [installations instructions](#) to install Windows.

Restart your computer

After Windows is installed, you can switch between OS X and Windows. Use the [Startup Disk preference pane](#) in OS X, or the [Boot Camp system tray](#) item in Windows to select your startup disk, then restart your computer.

Update and secure your computer

Boot to Windows and install all the Windows Updates that are available. Updates might require rebooting your computer several times.

Learn more

For more information about using Windows on your Mac, click the Open Boot Camp Help button in Boot Camp Assistant. These resources also contain helpful information:

- [Boot Camp Help](#)
- [Boot Camp: Creating an ISO image from a Windows installation DVD](#)
- [Boot Camp: About keyboards and key assignment for Microsoft Windows](#)

Software requirements

- Free [MS Office 365 ProPlus](#) installed in the Windows environment OR purchase MS Office Professional for Windows, which includes Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Access, Publisher, Outlook, OneNote.
- Latest [Java](#) and [Flash](#) plugins.
- Any additional software required in the syllabus. Students enrolled in Finance elective courses, BSF or MSF will need [STATA](#).