

University of Charleston Computer Use Policy.

The University of Charleston provides computer equipment and network services for the benefit of students. The equipment and the network belong to the University of Charleston and, as such, the University insists that neither be used for inappropriate purposes. A student or employee who is found responsible for any of the following acts involving misuse of the computer network and the University computer system shall be subject to the maximum sanction of dismissal or any lesser sanction deemed appropriate:

- (a) Users are not to employ University information systems for ancillary profit-making activities, partisan political events where prohibited by law, or other non-core purposes that could violate the 501(c)(3) charitable organization status of the University.
- (b) It is inappropriate to obstruct the work of others through any action that consumes large amounts of system resources.
- (c) Users shall not accept, use, retrieve, modify, copy, delete, discard, or view information other than their own without explicit authorization from the owner or the (title?).
- (d) Users shall under no circumstances represent themselves as others for the purpose of circumventing established policies or security measures, or for any reason without explicit permission of the others. Sharing accounts and/or passwords is strongly discouraged.
- (e) It is unacceptable to violate copyright and licensing agreements for any electronic resources, including software, games, music, videos, and academic works, or to facilitate others in such acts.
- (f) Users are not by any means to infiltrate, or attempt to infiltrate, a computing system or network on the University campus or elsewhere.
- (g) Computing personnel are responsible for the support of campus computer equipment. No users are to install any additional hardware or software without specific approval from Technology Services. This includes games, screensavers, instant messenger clients, network switches, wireless access points, and printers.
- (h) Users are not to participate in the proliferation of spam by forwarding or generating email chain letters and other such messages to large numbers of people.
- (i) It is inappropriate for faculty, staff, students, and administrative personnel to view, download, or distribute pornographic or other generally offensive materials, unless such actions are germane to University-related research or other job responsibilities. No such materials may be viewed or accessed in public areas.
- (j) Students should have no expectation of privacy when using the University of Charleston's computers and/or network and the University reserves the right to monitor computer and/or network usage.
- (k) Students are not permitted to use wireless routers in their residence halls. These items will be confiscated.