

Policy Regarding Children on Campus

All children on campus must be accompanied by an adult at all times. For safety and security reasons, a child not accompanied by an adult on campus will be treated as a lost child. All personnel, including students, are prohibited from bringing children to the campus and leaving them unattended at any location. If an unaccompanied child is observed on campus, the first priority will be to locate the parent or guardian and return the lost child to his or her custody immediately. The parent or guardian will be advised of this policy for compliance. Adult supervision will be provided from the time the lost child is found until the university police or other University official(s) locate the parent or guardian. If an emergency arises and a child must be brought to class or work, the child must be accompanied at all times by an adult. The adult must obtain prior written approval from the appropriate university official (faculty, supervisor, etc.).

Building Security Policy

All buildings are locked at certain hours each day. No student may enter any building for any purpose after closing hours unless accompanied by a faculty member, or unless the student has written permission by the person responsible for the building.

Immunization Against Disease During An Outbreak/Epidemic

During an epidemic or a threatened epidemic of any disease preventable by immunization on a campus of the University, and when an emergency has been declared by appropriate health authorities of this state, the Chancellor of the University is authorized, in conjunction with the appropriate health authorities, to promulgate rules and regulations specifying those diseases against which immunizations may be required.

Any individual who cannot show proof of immunity or adequate immunization and refuses to be immunized shall be excluded from any facility of the University until such time as he/she presents valid evidence that he/she is immunized against the disease or the epidemic or the threat no longer constitutes a significant public health danger.

Technology Use Policy

Use of the University's various technologies (computers, telephones, etc.) are a privilege available to those who abide by this Technology Use policy. All users are obligated to use technology resources in a responsible, legal and ethical manner.

The University respects each individual's right to privacy in electronic formats and expects all users to respect the privacy of others.

Users must abide by all applicable copyright laws and licensure agreements. The University shall take disciplinary and/or legal action, as appropriate, against individuals who violate this policy. Violators will be billed for any illegal use of technology and for damages caused by misuse. Violators will be temporarily or permanently suspended from technology facilities and will be prosecuted for statutory violations.

- Users of University computing resources must comply with federal and state statutes and laws, University rules and policies, and the terms of applicable contracts including software licenses. Examples of applicable laws, rules, and policies include the laws of libel, privacy, copyright, trademark, obscenity, child pornography, the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (which prohibit "hacking", "cracking", and similar activities), the University's Student Code of Conduct, and the University's Harassment Policy.
- Computer software is a form of intellectual property controlled by licenses that spell out clearly how it may be used and distributed. All members of the University community (faculty, staff, students, and community patrons), must adhere to all license provisions regulating the use and distribution of computer software. Use or distribution of software in violation of license provisions may subject the violator to criminal and civil penalties, as well as to civil liability to the licensor. Any violation of licensing agreements, such as copying, distributing, or otherwise sharing of software in violation of the license agreement is prohibited.

- A computer network provides a powerful tool in the educational arena by enabling communications and learning among people who are engaged in the education process, but are separated by time, distance, language, or other traditional communication barriers. A computer network also enhances and helps to equalize the resources available for scholarship at colleges and universities worldwide. However, the unlawful or inappropriate use of these tools infringes on both the integrity of the system and on the rights of others. In that light, the University expects all members of its community to use electronic communications in a responsible, considerate, ethical, and beneficial manner. All users are expected to:
 - Respect the rights of all users on the system
 - Comply with all copyright and fair use laws and regulations
 - Comply with any and all applicable instructions issued by faculty and network administrator(s)
 - Use computer network resources (including time on-line and storage) only for purposes directly related to their role at the University
 - Refrain from transmitting defamatory utterances concerning a person, organization, or institution that may subject the individual or University to civil liability damages
- Anything that is not in keeping with the interests that support the mission of the University and increases the expense of information technology resources is prohibited. This includes the prohibition of the use of University property for private gain as defined by Alabama state law [see i.e. Alabama Code §§36-25-5(a) and 36-25-27(a)].
- Any activity that an individual knows or should know is wasteful of computing resources prohibited. This may include activities such as:
 - Sending advertisements for commercial enterprises
 - Sending mass mailings or chain letters
 - Obtaining unnecessary output
 - Maintaining unnecessary or excessive file storage
 - Creating unnecessary multiple jobs or processes
 - Creating unnecessary network traffic
- As with all University resources, the University bears the responsibility and has the authority to allocate, limit or prohibit access to computer and network resources in order to ensure their most effective and economical use.
- Any action that may destroy, endanger, or divert another's research or writing is prohibited. In addition, University policy prohibits users from gaining access to, using, reviewing, changing, transmitting or deleting another user's files or software without the express permission of the user. Introduction of destructive software such as programs known as computer viruses, Trojan horse or worms into any computer, program, system or network is prohibited. "User" does not apply to the University personnel managing or administering the technology of the institution or the system.
- Among the most valuable and most sensitive of the University's computer resources are the personal work and storage spaces assigned to users. The University treats electronically stored information, including personal files, as confidential and permits examination or disclosure of their contents only when authorized by the owner of the information or when required by local, state, or federal law. Under Alabama Code §13A-8-102, it is a crime to attempt or to achieve access to, communication, examination, or modification of, to destroy, disclose, use, or take data, computer programs or supporting documentation. In plain words, state law prohibits both the use, transmittal, change, or deletion of another user's files or software without permission and the introduction of destructive software, such as programs known as computer viruses, Trojan horses or worms into any computer, computer system, or network.
- Anything that may hinder a free and open atmosphere of electronic discussion is prohibited.
- Cruelty, obscenity, crudity, and offensiveness, for the sake of offensiveness, have no place in the public discourse of a University community. As members of the University community, we are all responsible to one another and to the thinking and thoughtful community of which each of us ought to be a valuable part. Each of us must be considerate of other users of University computer resources and facilities.