

UNIVERSITY CENTER OF LAKE COUNTY Acceptable Use of Computer Resources

Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to outline the acceptable use of computer and information technology resources provided by the University Center of Lake County and its member academic institutions (hereinafter "University Center") for students, faculty, employees and other authorized users (hereinafter "Users").

This policy applies to all equipment that is owned or leased by the University Center and governs activity on personal machines while on the University Center campuses. University Center staff will make reasonable efforts to communicate these guidelines to Users via print notices, computer usage acceptance click-throughs, and other documentation.

Unacceptable Use:

Under no circumstances is a User authorized to engage in any activity that is illegal under local, state, federal or international law, while utilizing University Center resources.

Users shall not make any attempt to damage computer equipment or software, alter software configurations, or engage in any illegal or criminal activities. Deliberately crashing, vandalizing, or otherwise compromising a computer or network, degrading performance, or consuming large amounts of system resources are serious offenses and may result in loss of University Center computing resource access privileges and/or disciplinary referral to their academic institution. The University Center reserves the right to collect financial reimbursement from individuals and/or their member institution for reasonable equipment repair or replacement costs arising from misuse.

Users shall not intentionally use electronic information networks or content resources in any way which violates licensing and payment agreements between the University Center or a member academic institution and the network/database providers.

Users shall not engage in loud, boisterous or threatening behavior that disrupts others' use of University Center facilities for teaching, study or research. Anyone engaging in disruptive behavior may be denied further access to the University Center computing facilities.

Electronic and online game playing, online chat, and instant messaging for communications not related to academic coursework, teaching or research is prohibited on University Center computer equipment. Use of personal computer equipment for these activities is permitted as long as it does not violate other guidelines or disrupt other users.

Children under sixteen years of age may not use University Center computing resources unless they are accompanied at all times by a parent or guardian. The University Center assumes no responsibility for the use of the Internet by minors.

Internet Content:

The University Center provides access to the Internet. Users should be aware that some Internet sites may contain materials that some people find offensive or controversial. The University Center does not monitor and has no control over information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its content or the consequences of using the information. Not all information on the Internet is accurate, complete, or current. Users are responsible for determining if the information they access is acceptable, reliable and suitable for their needs. Users are cautioned that the Internet is not a secure medium and all transactions, files and communications may be subject to unauthorized access by third parties.

Users at University Center computer facilities are in a public setting and are expected to demonstrate consideration for others. The retrieval, downloading or display of pornographic or disruptive content is not permitted in the University Center.

Children's Use of University Center Computing Facilities:

Any child under the age of sixteen years must be accompanied at all times and supervised by a parent or other responsible adult. Unaccompanied children will be reported to facility management and may be referred to CLC Campus Safety if reasonable attempts to locate a parent or guardian have been unsuccessful.

The University Center recognizes that electronic information networks such as the Internet may contain material that is considered inappropriate for children. Only a parent or guardian has the right to determine what is appropriate for his or her child; it is not appropriate or practical for University Center staff to monitor children's computer use. Children are expected to follow the guidelines outlined in University Center policies and will be held to the same standards of behavior as other Users.

Copyright:

The Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the reproduction, distribution, adaptation, public performance, and public display of copyrighted material. Responsibility for any possible copyright infringement lies solely with the User; the University Center disclaims any responsibility or liability resulting thereof.

Enforcement

Users who violate these guidelines will be asked by University Center or College of Lake County staff to stop the specific activities described above. Users who do not comply with these guidelines and who have been warned of their violation three or more times will be referred to their university technology and/or security department.