

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

In-Library Computer/Internet Acceptable Use Policy¹

Mission Statement

The Pacific University Library supports and enhances Pacific University's excellent undergraduate and graduate programs. As an integral part of the educational experience, the Library provides professional service and appropriate resources, including consortial sharing and connectivity to global information.

As part of this mission, the Library offers access to the local, national, and international resources available on the Internet as well as University-installed software.

Access to the Internet is in compliance with the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights, the Freedom to Read and the Freedom to View Statements, and the Access to Electronic Information Services and Networks statement.

This In-Library Computer/Internet Acceptable Use Policy is in addition to the University Information Services policies and represents further refinement regarding the use of Library resources.

Information Commons, Library Classroom, and Express Search Stations

The primary purpose of the Information Commons, Library Classroom, and Express Search Stations is to provide access to the Library's varied resources.

The Library retains the right to end an Information Commons, Library Classroom, and Express Search Stations session at any time.

Additionally:

The Express Search Stations' purpose is to provide quick access to bibliographic and citation information to assist in the retrieval of books and journals within the Library's collection.

They are only to be used for short-term access to relevant Internet resources which will aid in the retrieval of the desired resources within the Library's collection.

Patron Groups

1. The primary patrons are Pacific University-affiliated students, faculty, staff, and alumni.
2. Non-Pacific University patrons (walk-ins) may access only the Information Commons computers as space is available and when not in demand/use by Pacific University-affiliated students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

¹ Library-owned computers intended for public use and are located in the Library. This includes the Information Commons, the Library Classroom, and the Catalog Express Stations.

- a. The Library retains its right to use its discretion as to whether to logon a Non-Pacific University patron.
- b. Library staff will provide limited assistance for basic start-up procedures but Non-Pacific University patrons are expected to work independently.

Disclaimer

The Library cannot assume responsibility for the accuracy, content, completeness, or type of information found on the Internet. The Library cannot censor Internet content or protect patrons from materials they may find offensive. All patrons should evaluate Internet resources as they would print resources.

Parents or legal guardians are responsible for deciding which Library resources are appropriate for their children². Parents are strongly encouraged to supervise their children's use.

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Appropriate use

All patrons have an obligation to access the Internet in a responsible and informed way, conforming to network etiquette, customs, and courtesies.

Examples of appropriate use include but are not limited to the following:

- All patrons
 - Observing copyright restrictions and licensing agreements
- Non-Pacific University patrons
 - Time on the Information Commons computers is limited to 1 logon per day not to exceed 60 minutes per day.
 - Access is offered on a space-available basis
 - The Non-Pacific University patron understands that the Pacific University-affiliated student, faculty, staff, alumni patron has first priority
 - The Non-Pacific University patron will be asked to leave an Information Commons computer if there is a need by a Pacific University student, faculty, staff, or alumni patron.
 - The Library retains the right to use its discretion as to whether to logon a Non-Pacific University patron

Non-appropriate uses -- all patrons

Examples of non-appropriate uses include but are not limited to the following:

- Installing and/or using non-University-installed software
- Creating, transmitting, or downloading of any offensive, defamatory, obscene or indecent images, data, material, or unsolicited commercial material
- Deliberate unauthorized access to facilities, unauthorized sites, or services
- Destroying or damaging equipment, software, or data belonging to the Library and/or Pacific University
- Using the Internet for any purposes which violate federal, state, or local laws

² Children are defined as being under the age of 18 and/or not enrolled at Pacific University.

Penalties – all patrons

Any patron determined to be violating the In-Library Computer/Internet Acceptable Use Policy will be asked to comply with the policy.

Continued misuse or abuse of the In-Library Computer/Internet Acceptable Use Policy will result in suspension of all computer access privileges and may also result in the loss of Library privileges.

Illegal acts involving the Library's computing resources may also be subject to prosecution by local, state, or federal authorities.

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Library Privacy Notice

The Library strives to follow the interpretation as stated in the Library Bill of Rights with respect to patrons' privacy.

Additional information

For additional information on computer acceptable use policies, please refer to the University Information Services Policies web page at:

<http://www.pacificu.edu/helpdesk/onlinedocs/TIC024.pdf>

To contact University Information Services:

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