Access to Information

Acceptable Use of Information Systems

Access to computer facilities and systems owned or operated by the University imposes certain responsibilities and obligations and is granted subject to academic policies and government laws. Acceptable and legal use of computer facilities and systems should be ethical, should reflect academic honesty, and show restraint in the consumption of shared resources. It demonstrates respect for intellectual property, ownership of data, system security mechanisms, and individuals' rights to privacy and to freedom from intimidation and harassment.

Guidelines for acceptable use of resources:

- Use resources only for authorized purposes.
- Protect personal user ID and system from unauthorized use. Each individual is responsible for all activities on their personal user ID or that originate from their system.
- Access only information that is from your own personal ID, that is publicly available, and to which you have been given access.
- Use only legal versions of copyrighted software in compliance with vendor license requirements.
- Be considerate in your use of shared resources. Refrain from monopolizing systems, overloading networks with excessive data, or wasting computer time, connect time, printer paper, manuals, or other resources.