

Policy Title: Computer and Internet Use Policy

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Policy Owner: Librarian

Responsible Office: NAU Library (NAUL)

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1. Purpose and Scope

The mission of North American University Library is to assist students in their search for attaining knowledge by providing information resources and services that encourage learning, support education, and promote intellectual growth. The Library aims to achieve these goals through instruction, scholarly inquiry, the free discussion and dissemination of ideas, and creativity. To ensure this mission, NAU Library offers access to the Internet for educational and personal benefit. Use of the Internet in the library provides both expanded access to global resources and an opportunity to become familiar with state-of-the-art information technology. Though the Internet offers a wealth of information that is educational and inspirational to individuals of all ages, it is an unregulated medium that changes rapidly and unpredictably. Information from the Internet may not always be accurate, complete, or current. The purpose of this policy is to make the Library's responsibility clear to the patrons regarding the use of computers and the internet in the Library.

2. Policy

Students and other library users must accept responsibility for determining the validity and suitability of content using the computers and the internet in the Library. The library staff is prepared to offer assistance in locating resources on and/or about the Internet, and training will be provided on request. However, websites that present material of a questionable or unethical nature exist and the Library and Library staff are not responsible for material displayed on the Web. Illegal use of the Internet, including—but not limited to—viewing child pornography or obscenity and infringement of copyright laws, is prohibited and can be grounds for loss of student and library privileges and/or criminal prosecution.

In accordance with the Library Code of Conduct, computer users are expected to use library workstations responsibly and respectfully as not to disturb other patrons. The Library staff reserves the right to ask patrons engaging in non-academic/recreational activities requiring a computer such as gaming, watching movies, and sporting events that encourage congregation of groups and elevated noise levels to move to a campus computer lab where those activities are more readily accommodated.

Please see the NAU Appropriate Use of Information Technology Resources Policy for more details: <https://www.na.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/ITO.101-Appropriate-Use-of-Information-Technology-Resources-Policy.pdf>

3. Procedures

Library staff will offer and provide assistance to patrons in locating information resources using computer and the internet in the Library. Library staff will make sure that the Library Code of Conduct is followed at all times and be vigilant about any illegal use of the internet by any patron. Patrons who violate this Computer and Internet Use Policy will be asked to exit the Library immediately.

4. Who Should Read This Policy

- Students
- Faculty
- Staff

5. History

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