

Soochow University Regulations for the Access to Campus Network

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- I. These Rules are made in accordance with the Ministry of Education Regulations for the Access to Campus Network to optimize the functionality of the campus network (hereinafter referred to as “the Network”), enhance the respect for laws and regulations, and serve as a guideline for the Network users to follow as well as facilitate education and learning.
- II. The Network is prohibited from being used to transmit or store threatening, obscene, offensive, or commercial materials. Commercial advertisements must not be posted on the Network.
- III. It is prohibited to use the Network as a hardware system to interfere with or damage other users or nodes on the network. Such interference and damage, such as spreading computer viruses, attempting to intrude into unauthorized computer systems, or similar situations, are all prohibited.
- IV. The Network users are prohibited from sharing their accounts and must change their passwords usually.
- V. All the resources accessible on the network belong to the individual or entity that owns them, and the Network users are prohibited from using such resources unless they have been officially made available for open use or authorized for use. If the purpose of use is consistent with academic purposes on campus, then directly supporting the relevant information for that use is also within acceptable limits, such as school administration information.
- VI. The Network users must ensure that their resources are used for school development or teaching and research, are not related to profit, respect intellectual property rights, and not use any illegal software packages within the Network system.
- VII. The Network users shall respect intellectual property rights. Avoid the following conduct that might infringe upon intellectual property rights:
 1. Use of unauthorized computer programs.
 2. Illegally downloading and copying works protected by the Copyright Act.
 3. Uploading protected works on public website without the prior consent of the copyright owner.
 4. Posting articles posted on BBS (Bulletin Board System) or other online discussion forum when the author had clearly indicated that no posting is allowed.
 5. Setting up of website for the public to illegally download works protected by copyrights.
 6. Other behaviors that might involve the violation of intellectual property rights.
- VIII. The Network users should cherish and make good use of network resources, the following behaviors are prohibited:

1. Use inflammatory or defamatory language in public documents.
 2. Fail to properly protect their personal accounts and passwords, resulting in unauthorized use of their account.
 3. Intentionally spread computer viruses or other programs that may disrupt or corrupt the systems.
 4. Unauthorized interception of network-transferred information.
 5. Unauthorized use of network resources through hacking, theft, or impersonation of others' accounts and passwords, or disclosure of others' accounts and passwords.
 6. Hide the accounts or use fake accounts. However, this does not apply to users who are explicitly authorized to remain anonymous.
 7. Accessing another person's email or files without permission.
 8. Abuse of network resources in any way, including sending large amounts of spam, chain letters, or useless messages via emails, or affect the normal operation of the system by flooding mailboxes or consuming excessive network resources.
 9. Distribute fraudulent, defamatory, insulting, obscene, harassing, illegal software, or other unlawful messages via email, online chat, electronic bulletin boards (BBS), or through similar means.
 10. Use the network resources of the university for purposes unrelated to academic development, teaching, research, or other university-related purposes, or for illegal activities.
 11. Other acts of improper use that result in damage to the rights and interests of others.
- IX. Users of the Network should abide by the academic network usage rules. If other networks are used, please make sure to comply with the relevant regulations of those networks.
- X. If a user of the Network violates regulations or disrupts the normal operation of the network, the campus network administrator may suspend their network access or refer them for disciplinary action.
1. Student cases will be referred to the Office of Student Affairs for discussion, faculty cases will be referred to the Faculty Evaluation Committee for handling, while staff cases will be referred to the Personnel Office for handling.
 2. If the circumstances are serious enough to involve criminal liability, the perpetrator shall also bear legal responsibility in accordance with the Civil Code, Criminal Code, Copyright Act or other relevant laws and regulations.
- XI. All network service providers of the university shall comply with the various management regulations and rules established by the university.
- XII. Campus network data administrators shall respect network privacy and must not view users' personal data or conduct any activity associated with the infringement of privacy. However, this restriction does not apply in the following circumstances:
1. When maintenance or examination of system security is necessary.
 2. When seeking evidence or investigating misconduct related to putative violations of the University code of conduct, and there are reasonable grounds for such suspicions.
 3. When cooperating with the investigations of judicial departments.
 4. Other conduct in compliance with the law.

- XIII. Users who receive disciplinary action due to violation of the Regulations may file for appeal or apply for aid by following the procedures of the university.
- XIV. The Regulations were approved by the University's Computing Center Steering Committee and submitted to the President for promulgation and implementation. Amendments shall follow the same procedures.