

Subject: University of Saint Mary Electronic Information Policy

Scope: This policy applies to anyone desiring to connect to the USM network.

General: The University of Saint Mary has a wide area network and high speed internet access for its students, faculty, staff and guests. Information Services may deny network access to users of automated equipment that violates this policy, degrades network performance, and/or interferes with the operations of the university.

1. The university expects everyone on its network to honor its core values; community, respect, justice and excellence. Users must respect the rights of others and avoid personal attacks using defamatory, obscene, abusive, profane, threatening, or discriminatory language and/or graphics. If you are the object of such abuse please notify Student Life or Information Services.
2. Any user/computer that Information Services identifies as one that fails to comply with this policy or interferes with network performance will be denied network access.
3. If a student is suspected of knowingly violates this policy, runs a prohibited application or device, or modifies their system configuration in a manner that interferes with other users on the USM network, network access will be denied and they will need to go through the USM judicial process to get their network access re-instated. Current prohibited applications or devices:
 - a. Peer-to-peer (P2P) applications
 - b. Wireless Access Points

Summary: This policy is designed to protect the information operations of the university and provide users on the USM network a satisfactory experience. Any questions/recommendations regarding this policy should be directed to the Director of Information Services, (913) 758-6230.