

Linscheid Library Computer Acceptable Use

In accordance with the missions of East Central University and Linscheid Library, the library offers a wide range of informational resources, including networked computer access, to fill students' needs for educational and informational materials and services.

Notice and Disclaimer

The internet is too vast to be monitored or controlled by the university or the library. As such, the library does not block access to material on the internet. Websites may contain information that is sexually explicit, controversial, inappropriate, or inaccurate. The library is also not responsible for monitoring the computer use of minors.

Guidelines for Use of Library Computers

- Computers are available on a first come, first served basis. During times of heavy use, the library staff may ask users who are not working on ECU course-related materials to relinquish a computer if others are waiting.
- Students should log in with their ECU login. Printing will be charged against the students' bursar account.
- Community patrons should log in with the library's Community Patron login. Patrons using this login will be charged for printing.
- Staff will gladly assist computer users but may not be able to provide extensive instruction for all software available.
- Users should notify the library staff immediately if they encounter any problems with a computer or programs.
- Computers may not be used:
 - To gain unauthorized access to any network or computer system.
 - For illegal or criminal activity, including slander and libel.
 - For the transmission/display of pornography.
 - To willfully attempt to damage computer hardware/software, or to alter software configurations.
 - To violate copyright laws and software licensing agreements.
 - To install personal software or to copy software from the internet.
 - To intimidate, harass, or abuse others.
 - For personal financial gain, e.g. selling items online.

Failure to use the computers appropriately and responsibly, as defined in applicable ECU and Linscheid Library policies and guidelines, will result in the loss of computer and/or library privileges. Please view the [ECU Technology and Network Usage Policy \(Page 34\)](#) and the [ECU Student Code of Conduct](#) for more information. Unlawful activities will be dealt with in a serious and appropriate manner.

Privacy Statement

Linscheid Library is committed to protecting the privacy of its patrons. Information concerning personal use of the internet and other computer programs is confidential and will not be released without legal process.