

## Office of the First Year Undergraduate Studies

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## Network Information

### Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

WPI's network is governed by the AUP and all community members including students must abide by it. Watch this [video](#) and view the full policy [online](#).

### Residential Wired Networking - Available to all students living in on-campus residence halls

- A Residential Networking (ResNet) connection is included in the residence hall room fee.
- ResNet enables access to the Internet and to most software and ITS-managed printers available in public computer labs.
- ITS staff members are available during New Student Orientation (NSO) in August to assist with setting up a wired ResNet connection.

### Wireless Networking - Available to all registered students

- All buildings on campus are equipped with wireless networking. The wireless network supports protocol 802.11ac as well as 802.11n.
- All laptops and mobile devices\* to be used on campus must support WPA2-Enterprise encryption and contain an 802.11ac (or 802.11n minimum) capable wireless card.

\*Many wireless appliances (gaming consoles, printers, etc.) do not support the WPA2-Enterprise authentication required.

- Routers and wireless access points, including most wireless printers, are not allowed on the WPI network. The [AUP Quick Reference Guide WPI](#) and [Prohibited Activities](#) page detail information about WPI Network allowances and restrictions.

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## Accessing WPI Resources from Off-Campus

### Outlook Web Access

[Outlook Web Access](#) enables use of WPI email, contacts, calendar, etc. via a web browser. Login with your WPI email address and password to access your WPI email.

### Virtual Private Network

The Virtual Private Network (VPN) provides a secure off-campus connection to WPI digital resources. It enables encrypted access to the same resources available on campus, such as network file shares. [Install the VPN client](#) and login with your WPI email address and password.

### Remote Desktop

A Remote Desktop connection to the terminal server provides access to numerous academic software applications. [Connect using Windows](#). [Connect using Mac OS X](#).

### Library Online Resources

The Gordon Library provides online access to many library databases, electronic journals, and electronic books. [Login](#) with your WPI username and password to peruse library materials from off campus.