Network Information

Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

WPI’s network is governed by the AUP and all community members including students must abide by it. 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 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 WPI buildings and on campus residences are equipped with wireless networking. The wireless network supports modern wireless protocols (802.11g/n/ac).

• 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, media devices, Roku, etc.) do not support the WPA2-Enterprise authentication required. These devices will need to connect to WPI’s unencrypted wireless network.

*Supplemental network equipment (switches, routers, wireless access points), wireless printers, wireless cameras or surveillance devices are not allowed on any WPI Network. The AUP Quick Reference Guide and Prohibited Activities page detail information about the WPI Network allowances and restrictions.
Accessing WPI Resources from Off-Campus

Outlook Web Access

Outlook Web Access enables use of WPI e-mail, contacts, calendar, etc. via a web browser. Login with your WPI email address and password to access your WPI e-mail.

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 with your WPI email address and password to install the VPN client.

Remote Desktop

A Remote Desktop connection to the terminal server provides access to numerous academic software applications. Connect using Windows, Mac or Linux.

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.