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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. 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.

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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.