

Conditions of Use Interdisciplinary Technology Facilities Computer Labs

Users of the computer lab facilities expect to have:

- an environment free of disruptive activity.
- workstations that are working properly and not modified by previous use.
- surroundings and workstations free from problems caused by food, beverages, and other damaging substances.

Ensuring a pleasant and productive environment for study and research for all users requires that each user of the computer lab facility abide by the "Humboldt State University Appropriate Use Policy" contained in "[Guidelines for Responsible Computing at Humboldt State University](#)".

Misuse of the computer facilities, whether by theft, mutilation, or vandalism of property, or by interference with study and research activities of other users, or the performance of duties by HSU employees, shows disrespect for the institution and disregard for the rights of members of the University and surrounding community.

Misuse of the computer lab facilities is a violation of one or more of the following: Humboldt State University Appropriate Use Policy, California Education Code, California Civil Code, California Penal Code, HSU Student Conduct Code, other University policies and local, state, and federal laws.

The University will actively pursue disciplinary action, prosecution, or other legal action for misuse. Examples of misuse include but are not limited to:

1. Removing or attempting to remove computer materials, equipment, or property without proper authorization. (Calif. Penal Code § 484, § 487, § 488, and § 490.5)
2. Vandalizing or causing damage to computer buildings, furniture or equipment. (Calif. Penal Code § 594. Calif. Educ. Code § 19910)
3. Maliciously accessing, altering, deleting, damaging, or destroying any computer system, network, computer program, or data. (Calif. Penal Code Section § 502)
4. Using facilities for non-academic purposes such as for commercial use or profit venture unless there is a specific agreement with the University.
5. Occupying HSU computing lab facilities without possession of a valid HSU ID.
6. Using false or someone else's student identification or failing to display student identification upon request.
7. Falsifying information (written or oral) submitted to any University office, department, University proceeding or individuals acting in their official capacity.
8. Failing to comply with directions from an authorized University employee who is acting in the performance of his or her duties.
9. Behaving in a way that interferes with an employee's performance of his or her duties, including, but not limited to, verbal abuse, intimidation, sexual harassment, or harassment based on race, religion, ethnic background, gender, or sexual orientation. (Calif. Civil Code. § 43. and Calif. Penal Code § 415.5 and § 626.6)

10. Causing a disturbance or engaging in any behavior that interferes with normal use of the computer facilities. (Calif. Civil Code § 43. and Calif. Penal Code § 415 and § 647)
11. Displaying images, sounds, or messages on screens that could create an atmosphere of discomfort or harassment to others. Students should make arrangements through their instructor for a private work area if a class assignment requires them to access such materials.
12. Being in unauthorized areas of the computer facilities, remaining in computer facilities after closing, refusing or failing to leave when requested during emergency situations.
13. Bringing open food or beverage containers into or consuming food or beverages in the computer facilities.
14. Parking wheeled vehicles in unauthorized parking areas near the computer facility entrance or bringing bicycles into a computer facility. (University Code, Rules and Regulations # 3404 A and B)
15. Bringing in animals except those trained to assist persons with disabilities.
16. Violating University policies, regulations or rules.

Any person who misuses or attempts to misuse a computer lab facility, whether a member of the University community or not, may be asked to leave the facility in which the conduct occurred and may be refused access to other HSU facilities. Such persons may be subject to the sanctions of suspension, prosecution, forfeiture, warning, and restitution, as well as criminal penalties and civil fines, and may be accountable to civil authorities (city, state, or federal) and the University.