

## **Student Computer Policy**

USA provides student access to computer resources through the wireless and wired networks, e-mail systems, web servers, and departmental labs located throughout campus. Students using these resources must adhere to all policies of the University of South Alabama regarding the use of computers and computer networks.

Lab privileges can be denied to anyone using University equipment for illegal or unethical purposes.

Any illegal behavior observed in the labs or on University networks will be reported to appropriate University officials or law enforcement agencies. Anyone using the lab computers in this way, or any other generally inconsiderate manner, will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. Such behaviors/activities include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

### **Illegal Activity**

Uploading or downloading copyrighted material, violating the intellectual property rights of others, or illegally sharing trade secrets.

Accessing, downloading, or printing articles solely for educational and research purposes, however, may be permissible under the Fair Use Clause of the Copyright Law. See USA Software Policy: [www.southalabama.edu/departments/csc/resources/softwarepolicy.pdf](http://www.southalabama.edu/departments/csc/resources/softwarepolicy.pdf) for more specific guidelines on using copyrighted software. The Federal Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 requires the University to provide information to its constituents regarding sharing of copyrighted material; please see:

<http://www.southalabama.edu/departments/csc/heoact2008.html> for more information.

- Illegally sharing computer software via Internet, local network, or any media.
- Copying or transmitting material contained in copyrighted databases without permission from the source.
- Buying or selling weapons or illegal substances via computer network.
- Threatening or “stalking” others via computer network.
- Knowingly replicating or transmitting computer viruses, or otherwise deliberately damaging the systems or files of other people.

### **Strictly Prohibited Behavior/Activities**

- Trafficking in pornography of any kind via computer network. Please note that redistribution of pornography, even through web page links, is often illegal.
- Activity that violates state or federal law. This may include viewing, downloading, posting, printing or sending pornography, or other sexually explicit, profane, obscene, hostile, or blatantly offensive and intimidating material, including hate speech, threats, harassing communications (as defined by law), or information that violates any state or federal laws.