

UNIVERSITY OF MOBILE

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INTERNET USAGE GUIDELINES

The University of Mobile, through Information Technology (IT), provides access to the Internet for educational purposes. The privilege of using the various components of Information Technology is limited to University of Mobile students, faculty, and staff for the purpose of education, research, service, and other academic functions. The resources, services, systems, and network, including Internet access, provided by Information Technology are the property of the University of Mobile. All users of technology systems provided by Information Technology are expected to utilize the resources responsibly, legally, and ethically for their intended purposes. Users must also abide by all applicable copyright laws, licensure agreements, and University of Mobile policies. Any software and files downloaded via the Internet through the IT network become the property of the University. All downloaded software and files must be checked by anti-virus software.

Files are presumed to be private and confidential; nevertheless, a third party can intercept electronic mail sent via the Internet, and your message could reach an audience for which it is not intended. The confidentiality of electronic mail system messages should not be assumed. Even when a message has been deleted from the user's computer, it may be possible to retrieve and read that message. Thus, the same personal and professional courtesies and considerations observed in other forms of communication should also be observed in electronic mail. Moreover, there is no guarantee that electronic mail received by you was sent by the purported sender. If you are in doubt, check with the sender to validate authorship.

Student electronic mail accounts are web-based and assigned by the University. The mailbox size is limited, and batch mail is also limited.

Although Internet access is intended for University related purposes, personal use is permitted subject to the rules and regulations stated herein. Such use must not disrupt the University's business, and users should not have any expectation of personal privacy in any matters sent over the IT network. The University of Mobile does reserve the right to inspect files and messages for compelling business or security reasons. An individual's privilege may be suspended at any time for misuse. Furthermore, disciplinary and/or legal action against the violator may be taken. Additionally, appropriate charges for damages caused by misuse may be billed to the violator.

Examples of user violations are listed below. It should be noted, however, that violations are not limited to the list.

- Accessing unauthorized accounts;
- Downloading files contaminated by software viruses;
- Sending viruses via e-mail attachments;
- Using invasive or infected software;
- Attempting to access, browse, view, modify, etc. restricted software;
- Intercepting data or programs owned by the University or owned by others;
- Participating in chat rooms, newsgroups, etc, except as it relates to class activities;
- Creating, sending, or storing pornographic, obscene, offensive, harassing, threatening, or disruptive messages;
- Downloading or sending copyright materials or UM materials without prior authorization; and

Using the system for commercial purposes or other non-University related business.