



.010 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide a set of guidelines for students to follow to ensure that their activity on University of Arkansas Grantham (University) systems is acceptable and complies with University guidelines and Federal copyright laws.

This policy applies to anyone who is or has been a student, to include prospective students (hereinafter "students"), at the University and have been granted access to any University systems.

.020 SCOPE

SUPERVISION

The University reserves the right to monitor all student interaction with University systems. The University will oversee the maintenance of each technological resource for all University systems and may establish guidelines for, and limits on, their acceptable use.

.030 POLICY

USER OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Students are authorized to use the University's systems in accordance with user obligations and responsibilities specified below.

The student in whose name a University systems account has been issued is responsible for its proper use at all times. Users shall keep personal account information private. He/she shall use the system only under their own account.

University systems shall be used only for purposes related to education. Commercial, political, and/or personal use unrelated to an educational purpose is strictly prohibited unless orchestrated by the University.

The use of University systems is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use shall result in a cancellation of those privileges.

Students are prohibited from accessing, posting, submitting, publishing, or displaying harmful matter or material that is threatening, obscene, disruptive, or sexually explicit, or that could be construed as harassment or disparagement of others based on their race, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, or political beliefs. Harmful matter includes matter, taken as a whole, which to the average person, applying contemporary statewide standards, is or appeals to the prurient interest and/or is matter which depicts or describes in a patently offensive way sexual conduct lacking serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.

Students shall not use the University systems to encourage the use of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, nor shall he/she promote unethical practices or any activity prohibited by law or University policy.

Copyrighted material may not be placed on the University systems without the written permission of the author or without the appropriate citation. All activity should be in accordance with the University Code of Conduct. Unauthorized distribution of copyrighted materials (Copyright Infringement) which includes, but is not limited to, unauthorized peer-to-peer file sharing is prohibited and students will be subject to civil and criminal liabilities. Copyright infringement is the act of exercising, without permission or legal authority, one or more of the exclusive rights granted to the copyright owner under section 106 of the Copyright Act (Title 17 of the United States Code). These rights include the right to reproduce or distribute a copyrighted work. In the file-sharing context, downloading or uploading substantial parts of a copyrighted work without authority constitutes an infringement.

Vandalism will result in the cancellation of student University system access privileges. Vandalism includes, but is not limited to, the intentional uploading, downloading, or creating of computer viruses and/or any malicious attempt to harm or destroy University equipment, materials, or the data of any other user.

Students shall not access other users' information provided by their University system accounts. Students shall not attempt to interfere with other users' ability to access or utilize systems and/or services as intended.

Students shall report any security problem or misuse of University systems to the University. Deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt University system performance will be viewed as criminal activity under applicable state and federal law.



.040 AUTHORITY AND ENFORCEMENT

The University shall retain the right to make all final decisions regarding whether or not a student has violated this policy and will be subject to disciplinary action, revocation of the student University system access account(s), up to and including dismissal from the University, and legal action as appropriate. The decision of the University regarding violations will be final.

Penalties for copyright infringement include civil and criminal penalties. In general, anyone found liable for civil copyright infringement may be ordered to pay either actual damages or “statutory” damages. A court can, in its discretion, also assess costs and attorneys’ fees. For details, see Title 17, United States Code, Sections 504, 505. Willful copyright infringement can also result in criminal penalties, including imprisonment of up to five years and fines of up to \$250,000 per offense.

For more information, please see the Web site of the U.S. Copyright Office at www.copyright.gov.

.060 DEFINITIONS

Copyright - Copyright is an area of law that provides creators and distributors of creative works with an incentive to share their works by granting them the right to be compensated when others use those works in certain ways. Specific rights are granted to the creators of creative works in the United States by law. If you are not a copyright holder for a particular work, as determined by the law, you must ordinarily obtain copyright permission prior to reusing or reproducing that work. However, there are some specific exceptions in the Copyright Act for certain academic uses, and permission is never required for certain other actions, such as reading or borrowing original literary works or photographs from a library collection.

.060 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Peer-to-peer (P2P) – A decentralized communications model in which each party has the same capabilities and either party can initiate a communication session. Unlike the client/server model, in which the client makes a service request and the server fulfills the request, the P2P network model allows each node to function as both a client and server.

The University Information Technology Department is granted authority to monitor online student interactions in the support and enforcement of this policy. This monitoring shall include, but not be limited to, University controlled managed: email systems, file sharing, document repositories, and online chat.

.090 RELATED LAWS, REGULATIONS OR POLICIES

Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110-315)

United States Copyright Act (Title 17, U.S. Code)

Grantham University Student Code of Conduct

Grantham University Policy 7485 – Copyright Compliance Policy

.100 QUESTIONS/WAIVERS

The University Compliance Officer is responsible for this policy. The Compliance Officer or designee must approve any exception to this policy.

Questions relating to this policy should be directed to the Compliance Office.

.999 REVISION HISTORY AND EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy will be re-evaluated for effectiveness and compliance on an annual basis. Below is a historical list of the revisions made to this policy.

VERSION	DATE	NOTE
1.0	2010/03/23	Revised
2.0	2015/12/08	Revised
3.0	2022/05/18	Design