

# LEBANESE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

## COMPUTER & NETWORK POLICY

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### Introduction:

This document defines the policy with respect to the use of University's computers, networks and information systems. It applies to users authorized by the University.

### Scope:

The scope covers the following information technology resources and services: computers, networks, electronic mail, electronic information and data, web pages, and telecommunication facilities which are available from the LAU campuses to its authorized users.

### Basic principles:

The following principles apply to all users:

1. The University believes in freedom of speech, opinion and expression to pursue scholarly inquiry and the sharing of information.
2. Access to the Internet is a privilege that is not reserved for a few. The use of such resources should be fostered and encouraged in all ways that would enhance the educational process and improve the operations of the University.
3. The University is committed to developing socially and professionally responsible users. LAU expects users to utilize the University information technology resources and services responsibly, ethically, and in compliance with the relevant laws and the University's applicable policies.
4. The use of the LAU information technology resources is for conducting University activities.
5. The use of resources and services may be limited, denied or revoked if an authorized user fails to comply with these rules. Non-compliance may result in disciplinary action pursuant to University's applicable policies and procedures. Furthermore, the University reserves the right to interfere, stop and prosecute (if need be) any individual whose use of the LAU information technology resources is judged to be harmful to the mission of the University and to the prevailing moral code.

### Authorized users:

The LAU authorized users are: Faculty, Staff, Students, and Invitees.

### General rules:

1. Authorized users will be held responsible for any attempt to degrade, damage, or otherwise hinder the computer systems, networks, personal computer performances, etc.
2. The use of LAU information technology resources and services in connection with pornography, harassment of any kind, copyright infringement, theft, unauthorized access, unauthorized use, and any infraction of the kind, will constitute a violation of this policy.
3. LAU reserves the right to apply appropriate measures to protect its resources, insure system performance, and compliance with this policy.