Open Computer Lab Policy

The open computer labs at George Mason University are available for use by faculty, staff and students for the purposes of teaching and learning. A current Mason ID is required for access to all open computer labs on all campuses. Computer labs are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and cannot be reserved.

If you require software that is not loaded on the computers in the open labs or a specialized lab environment, there are a variety of other lab options, including the STAR lab, the collaborative learning hubs (CLUBs), and the virtual computing lab. Visit http://doit.gmu.edu/teach.html to learn more about other ways to access computing services.

As a faculty member, if you require a computer classroom for a class, visit http://registrar.gmu.edu/facultystaff/scheduling.html for information about ad-hoc scheduling for your class session.

For in-lab posters:

Open Computer Lab Policies:
* This lab is available to George Mason students, faculty, and staff, on a first-come, first-served basis.
* You must show a valid GMU Mason ID card to access the lab.
* Food is not permitted in any lab.
* Drinks are permitted in the lab *as long as they are securely covered and away from the computing equipment*. Examples of appropriate beverage containers are displayed in the lab.
* Loud or disruptive behavior is prohibited in the lab.
* Cell phone use is prohibited in the lab.
* Users are responsible for their belongings. Lab staff is not responsible for personal items that are lost or stolen while in the lab. Lost and found items are given to the University Police (703-993-2810).
* Actions in violation of GMU's Responsible Use of Computing Policy 1301 are prohibited in the lab. For full text, see http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/1301gen.html
* Actions or activities in violation of GMU's Honor Code are prohibited in the lab.

Actions explicitly forbidden by University Policy 1301 include:
* Selling access to George Mason University's computing resources.
* Utilizing the system for commercial activities not sanctioned by the Provost's Office.
* Violating copyright laws, which includes downloading and distribution of copyrighted software and media.
* Intentionally denying or interfering with service.
* Reading or modifying files without proper authorization.
* Using the technology to misrepresent or impersonate someone else.
* Performing unauthorized vulnerability scans on systems.
* Intercepting or monitoring any network information intended for another user.
* Harming or misusing the system in other ways.
* Using or accessing the system for any purpose that is forbidden by any policy or law.
* Computer lab use is based solely on academic and scholarly use. Commercial and non-scholarly use is prohibited.