

Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources Policy

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Effective Date	November 1, 2019
Responsible Office / Person	CITS
Related Policies	ITS-002 Email communications ITS-005 UMassD Logon account eligibility ITS-006 Information security
Additional History	This policy updates ITS-001 dated January 11, 2006

I. Introduction

The purpose of this policy is to inform all users of information technology at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth of their obligation to comply with all existing laws and institutional policies in their use of information technology resources.

II. Policy Statement

A. Overview: All violations of law or institutional policy in physical space are also violations when in the use of University of Massachusetts Dartmouth's Information Technology resources.

B. By approval of the Chancellor of University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, this policy incorporates all other institutional policy. This incorporation includes (but is not limited to) the Academic Integrity, Code of Conduct, Information and Data Governance Policies, and Financial and Facilities Policies.

C. Obligations to Report Violations: Users of information technology resources have an obligation to report credible violations of this policy. If it is an emergency, contact the UMass Dartmouth Police at 508-999-9191. For non-emergencies contact abuse@umassd.edu. Ethics and policy violations, and fraud should be reported to the [Ethics & Fraud Awareness Center](#).

III. To Whom This Policy Applies

A. All users of UMass Dartmouth information technology resources (including but not limited to the network, computers, printers, and information technology systems).

IV. Responsible Parties

A. Every person to whom this policy applies has the responsibility to safeguard institutional information technology resources.

B. As a delegate of the Chancellor and VCAF, the CIO / Associate Vice Chancellor for Computer & Information Technology has the right to authorize the limitation or restriction of the use of its computing and information technology resources, including content at rest, in storage, and in transit, for the good of the campus community and to protect the integrity of those resources and the rights of users.


This authority extends to the right to examine material stored on or transmitted through its resources if there is cause to believe that the standards for acceptable use are being violated.

V. Standards

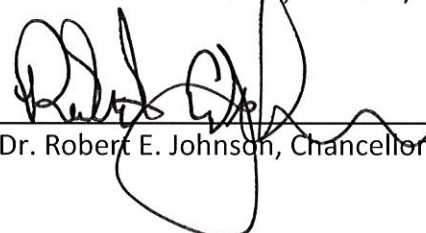
For prevailing legal and policy standards, and reporting options as they relate to Acceptable Use of Information Technology resources, please see the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy Interpretation Guidelines](#) that outlines the rights and responsibilities for all users.

Failure to comply with the appropriate use of these resources threatens the atmosphere for the sharing of information, the free exchange of ideas, and the secure environment for information technology resources. Individuals in violation of this policy may be subject to disciplinary proceedings.

VI. Approval

Approved:  _____ Date: 11/7/19 _____
David Gingerella, VCAF

Approved:  _____ Date: 11-14-2019 _____
Dr. Mohammad Karim, Provost / COO

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Dr. Robert E. Johnson, Chancellor