A Quick Guide to Student Computing

WebAdvisor

WebAdvisor allows students to register for, and drop classes. WebAdvisor also allows students to print their grades and unofficial transcripts, and pay their tuition fees.

Accessing your WebAdvisor

With your username and password, you can access WebAdvisor online at http://webadvisor.coastal.edu and select the WebAdvisor tab.

MOODLE

Moodle is a delivery system for online course content. Many professors use Moodle to expand & enhance the teaching and learning process.

Accessing your Moodle courses

Visit http://moodle.coastal.edu and use your username and password to login. Once you login a list of the courses you are enrolled appears. To access the homepage of a course on the list click the course name.

Computer Labs

There are many specialized labs, general access labs, and smart class rooms that will help meet your academic needs. Student IDs may be required to use the labs.

General Access Labs and Student Support Hours

Tech Support Center, Kearns 113 (Student Help Desk)

M-TH: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
F: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sat: 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Sun: 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Computer Assisted Instruction Lab, Kearns 113

M: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
F: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sat: 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Sun: 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Wall Lab, Wall 108

MW: 7:30 am – 9:00 pm
T/TH: 11:00am – 9:00 pm
F: 7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Sat/Sun: 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Edwards Lab, Edwards 171

M-TH: 7:45 am – 8:00 pm
F: 8:00 am – 7:00 pm
Sat/Sun: closed

Bryan Information Commons, Kimbel Library

M-TH: 8:00 am – 11:00 pm
F: 8:00 am – 7:00 pm
Sat/Sun: 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

Microcomputer Labs

Eagle 1st Floor
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Resources in the lab

The labs provide a variety of software packages. All general access labs have the Microsoft Office suite. Some labs include more specialized software such as database, desktop publishing, graphic design, Web design, and programming tools. Printing capabilities are available throughout the labs. Also, scanners, digital cameras, and video tape/DVD tutorials are available.

Laptops to check out and use for a 24 hour period are available at the Library circulation desk for students.

ACCESSING THE NETWORK

CCUResNet

CCUResNet comprises all on-campus Residence Halls, including University Place. With the exception of the Gardens, all Residence Halls have wired access to the network and the Internet. The Gardens Residence Hall, as well as all locations at CCU, has wireless access to the network and the Internet.

All Residence Halls (except the Gardens): What is needed?

- Each room should have as many active Ethernet jacks as the number of students. (Ethernet jack is similar to a phone jack but it is slightly larger.)
- Students need to provide an Ethernet cable (Category 5 straight patch cable) that will connect to the Ethernet port on the computer and to the Ethernet jack on the wall.

Students may pick up a FREE Ethernet cable from the Tech Support Center in Kearns 113.

There is no specific network configuration students must do on their computers, unless they have their home computers configured statically to use Cable Modem at home. Consult the tech support center staff for assistance.

Once the Ethernet cable is connected to the computer and the wall, the student is ready to browse the Internet, by accessing a browser such as Internet Explorer.

The Gardens: What is needed?

- A wireless Ethernet/WiFi adapter.
- Most new laptops have wireless cards already built-in. Adapters are fairly inexpensive and widely available.
- The university’s wireless networks include CCUnwired and CCUResNet.

I got what I need! How do I connect? (First time connection)

1. Check your antivirus and perform any necessary updates. Free antivirus software & updates are available through SCS.
2. Launch your web browser, e.g. Internet Explorer, to a non-CCU website in order to prompt SafeConnect, such as www.google.com.
3. You will need to enter your username and password. If forgotten, there will be a link to help you retrieve your username and password.
4. You will then be prompted to run and then install SafeConnect (which authenticates your computer).
5. SafeConnect opens automatically when network connection is made.
6. You should now have internet access.

On-Campus Internet Access

- Laptops with Ethernet adapters or ports can go to Kearns 113 or to Wall 108 and use their available ports to connect.
- Laptops with wireless capabilities can access the Internet in all academic areas, Student Center, and the Library.

Viruses

Viruses pose a major threat to the network and individual computers. Students should be vigilant when opening suspicious e-mail, and e-mails with attachments. Also, as the Computing Policy states, students must:

- Have antivirus software such as Norton or AVG (which can be obtained free from SCS) and update antivirus definitions regularly.
- Patch their computer regularly (Run Windows Update). Periodically, Microsoft releases updates for Windows to prevent the spread and infection of computers by viruses.

BE AWARE OF SPYWARE/PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Spyware is any program that helps gather information about individuals without their knowledge. Spyware is normally disseminated through Peer-2-Peer applications, such as Limewire, and heavily marketed websites.

Malwarebytes is a utility designed to combat ad-ware and spyware. They are free and available online and through the SCS website.

If you receive phishing attempts (fraud emails), please do not open the email and delete the email immediately. Contact SCS with the sender’s email address. If you have opened the fraud email/attachments, please reset your CCU password and security questions and answers.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Students must abide by the University’s Computing Policies and Procedures. The policies can be found online at http://www.coastal.edu/its/policies

Students should be aware that copyright owners are actively pursuing violators of their copyrighted materials. File sharing applications such as BitTorrent, are not illegal; however, many of the files being shared through such applications are illegal. Protect yourself and avoid copyright infringement. Read more at http://www.coastal.edu/services/scs

GENERAL TIPS

1. “BACK UP, BACK UP, and BACK UP!” Back up your projects on various storage devices, such as USB Pen Drives.
2. Seek support from SCS Help Desks on academics that require advanced use of technology.
3. Be familiar with the terms of your computer warranty to obtain optimal technical support from the vendor.

Quick Reference

Lab's:
Student Tech Support * KRNS 113 843-439-2220
CAI Lab * KRNS 113 843-439-2908
Bryan Information Commons 843-439-4009
Well Lab * Wall 108 843-349-2055
Edwards Lab * Edwards 171 843-349-2377

Support:
ITS-Student Computing Services (SCS), KRNS 113 843-439-2220
http://www.coastal.edu/services/scs

Addresses:
http://www.coastal.edu/its/policies
http://moodle.coastal.edu
http://webadvisor.coastal.edu
http://www.coastal.edu/services/scs