Information Technology
 Wartburg Theological Seminary Student Technology Policy

Use of WTS Computer Network Equipment, Email, and Internet Access
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1.   All use of this equipment and facilities will be in full compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws (www.copyright.gov). Unauthorized distribution of copyrighted materials, including but not limited to unauthorized peer – to – peer file sharing, may subject you to civil and criminal liabilities.

2.   All use of this equipment and facilities will be consistent with the ethos of Wartburg Theological Seminary as articulated in the Seminary's Mission Statement; the Seminary's Student, Staff, and Faculty Handbooks; and the Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

3.   Access to technology (including laptops, cell phones, and other devices) in the classrooms of Wartburg Theological Seminary should serve to enhance the teaching and learning objectives of our courses. Inappropriate use of technology (such as social networking, shopping, reading news articles or sports reports, chatting, email, or playing games) during class time detracts from one's own learning, may be distracting for other students, and is disrespectful to the instructor and the learning community. Students who use technology inappropriately may be required to stop bringing a particular device to class. Egregious misuse may negatively affect the student's grade for the course.

4.   This equipment and facilities may not be used for personal commercial enterprise, personal political activities, partisan political campaigning, or partisan political lobbying activities. Charitable solicitations using this equipment and facilities is not permitted except as authorized by the President of Wartburg Theological Seminary.

5.   Based on the discernment of probable cause, the Seminary has the right to examine any messages or file(s) created or maintained on Seminary equipment or systems to determine compliance with these policies.

6.   Wartburg Seminary provided virus protection will be required for all computers on the WTS network. If students do not have seminary provided virus protection and/or are the source of a virus, their computer will be shut off from the network until virus protection is obtained and demonstrated. This will be implemented upon administrative decision.

7.   Wireless routers of any kind are not permitted in the residence hall. Rogue wireless routers cause a security risk and may compromise the integrity of the network. Identified rogue access points will be blocked when discovered. The entire building already has wireless capabilities in that each room is equipped with an Ethernet internet connection. Identified wireless routers discovered in the building will be blocked.   If you have questions about this, please direct them to the Helpdesk.

Violations of these policies will be subject to Wartburg disciplinary action, possibly including dismissal.

Students on official leave of absence may elect to keep their email/network account active by paying the technology fee of $50/semester if living off campus and $100/semester if living on campus. If the technology fee is not paid during the student's leave of absence, their email/network account will be disabled and re-enabled upon their return to student status. If a student withdraws from seminary or is dismissed, their email/network account and internet access will be terminated immediately or upon approval, permission may be granted to sign the new Non-Student Technology Policy form and pay the applicable technology fee.