

Wake Forest University

Wireless Spectrum Management Policy

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. May I bring my own Access Point to Campus?

- A. No. Comprehensive wireless coverage is provided by the University. If you need wireless data access, but it is not available, please contact the IS Help Desk.

Q. Can I bring my own wireless card to campus and put it in my computer?

- A. Yes. However, in order to be able to use the Card on the Wake Forest Network you must register it with the Information Systems Help Desk. All network cards are expected to be 802.1x compliant.

Q. Does this policy apply to Wake TV or Wake Radio?

- A. No. This policy applies only to organizations that broadcast over the public airwaves. Closed loop systems are not covered.

Q. Why can't I bring my cordless phone?

- A. You may have a cordless phone that operates in the 900 MHz Band. Cordless phones that operate in the other bands will cause interference with wireless data networks.

Q. If there is interference between cordless phones or Bluetooth, who is responsible for resolving them?

- A. The user causing the interference (generally the most recently installed device) is responsible for fixing the problem.

Q. Can a visitor just bring their computer to campus and have it work?

- A. Yes, to access the wireless network, connect to WFU GUEST Wireless network using your computer's wireless network connections options.

Q. Can I use my wirelessly equipped computer as an access point?

- A. Yes, but only in a peer-to-peer mode while on campus. Some wireless cards have the ability to act as an access point through software configuration. You may use your computer in such a manner to set up a private network between computers. You may not simultaneously connect it to the campus network. It is your responsibility to ensure that no interference is caused to other networks in the area.

Q. Can I use my handheld computer that has wireless in it?

- A. Yes, if you have a valid Wake Forest User Account. When an unknown wireless device is detected by the network security software, communications from that device are blocked pending authentication. For devices that do not support the 802.1x protocol (as is currently the case with most handheld computers) authentication will be accomplished through a secure web page which will be presented to the user when they launch their browser.

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