

Responsible Use of Electronic Communications

Policy Statement

Ringling College of Art and Design provides an environment for the campus community to utilize appropriate computer and electronic information technologies in meeting the educational mission of the College. The College expects all members of its community to use electronic communications in a responsible manner. It is each individual's responsibility to become familiar with their rights and responsibilities as outlined in this and other appropriate College documents. There are also federal, state, and local laws governing some aspects of information use and distribution. While guidelines may be provided in the context of the classroom, each individual is responsible to remain knowledgeable about current laws and policies.

Ringling College seeks to enforce its policies regarding non-harassment and the safety of individuals; to protect the College against damage or legal consequences; to prevent the electronic posting or distributing of copyrighted material in violation of license restrictions or other contractual agreements; to safeguard the integrity of computers, networks, and data, either at Ringling College of Art and Design or elsewhere; and to ensure use of electronic communications complies with this Student Handbook, the Faculty Handbook, and the Staff Handbook.

Ringling College of Art and Design may restrict the use of its computers and network systems for electronic communications in response to complaints presenting evidence of violations of Ringling College policies or codes, or local, state or federal laws. Specifically, the College reserves the right to limit access to its networks through Ringling College-owned or other computers, and to remove or limit access to material posted on Ringling College-owned computers. Ignorance of the law or of campus policies does not exonerate one from the consequences of inappropriate or illegal behavior.

The complete policy is posted to the Ringling website <https://www.ringling.edu/policies-and-procedures/>