

Get Connected:

A Quick Reference Guide for Northwestern Graduate Students

Northwestern University Information Technology (NUIT) has provided this quick reference guide to assist you in better accessing technology at Northwestern University.

Getting Started

www.it.northwestern.edu

The NUIT Web site is a valuable resource that you want to bookmark. It provides an introduction to NUIT services and quick links to most services you will be using.

NUIT Support Center

www.it.northwestern.edu/dss/supportcenter

NUIT's central helpdesk for faculty, staff, and students. Dial 847-491-HELP (4357) or send a message to consultant@northwestern.edu for technical assistance.

E-mail, IM, Calendar, and more

www.it.northwestern.edu/stucollab

Read more about your @u.northwestern.edu account that provides you with e-mail, IM, docs and spreadsheets, presentations, and calendaring, all in one. You will be asked to set up your account when you activate your NetID. If you already have a NetID, visit <https://uemail.northwestern.edu/activate/> to activate your new e-mail account.

NetID & Password

<http://www.it.northwestern.edu/netid>

Find more information about your electronic identity. Remember, NetID passwords must be changed every 120 days.

Virtual Private Network (VPN)

<http://www.it.northwestern.edu/oncampus/vpn>

Working off campus or using a non-Northwestern ISP? VPN is essential for establishing a "secure tunnel" for your computer on the NU Network.

Wireless Access

www.it.northwestern.edu/oncampus/wireless/locations.html

Find a list and maps of wireless access points for both the Evanston and Chicago campuses. Be sure to connect using the "northwestern" SSID.

Software

www.it.northwestern.edu/software

Get access to the lowest software prices on campus, with selected titles free for download. Deeply discounted titles range from Adobe to Microsoft to Symantec.

Course Management System (Blackboard)

<http://courses.northwestern.edu>

Communicate and collaborate with peers and instructors through Blackboard.

Social Sciences Computing Cluster

<http://sscc.northwestern.edu>

NUIT's Research & Academic Technologies department supports a 36-processor Linux cluster with a number of data analysis packages.

Online Directory

<http://directory.northwestern.edu>

Find directory information on members of the Northwestern community. Also, edit and update your online directory entry.

Electronic Library Resources

<http://einstein.library.northwestern.edu>

Find databases, e-journals, and more at the Library's extensive online resource site.

Computer Labs

<http://www.at.northwestern.edu/ctg/labs/>

Access a list (including photos and lab information) of the Evanston campus computer labs.

Computer & Network Security

<http://www.it.northwestern.edu/security>

Keep your computer and University data safe by following the five steps to Get Control.

First Steps: Get started today!

- 1 – Obtain a password for your NetID and change it to something more mnemonic
- 2 – Install Symantec AntiVirus and be sure to run “Live Update”
- 3 – Install VPN
- 4 – Consider revising your online directory entry to protect personal information

