Internet Access Policy

Purpose of Internet Access at MABTS

As part of the Seminary’s commitment to meet the educational, informational, and research needs of the seminary community, we are pleased to offer on-campus access to the Internet for faculty, staff, students, and alumni. The Internet allows users to connect to resources outside those available at MABTS and its library. MABTS does not have control over information available on the Internet. The information accessed there may be reliable and current, or it may be inaccurate and obsolete. It is up to the user to determine the accuracy of information obtained from the Internet. When using the Internet for research students should verify the information with other sources when possible.

Some sites or information accessible through the Internet may be inappropriate, controversial, or offensive. For this and other reasons, we have developed the following guidelines for the acceptable usage of Internet access.

Acceptable Usage Guidelines

The Computer Lab at the Cordova campus is equipped with sixteen computers, accessible to the Internet, and a HP Laser Jet printer. The Computer Lab at the Northeast campus is equipped with six computers, accessible to the internet, and one HP Laser Jet printer. The computer lab is for the use of all MABTS students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

1. Computers and network resources at MABTS are property of the Seminary and are provided for Seminary-related business. Therefore, use of the Internet for unproductive Web surfing, participation in online chat rooms or other non-Seminary related activities is inappropriate and prohibited.

2. Because of the international and unregulated nature of the Internet, users must take great care in
the type of information accessed and web sites visited. Students should always be aware of their personal testimony of Christ, their obligation to follow His lordship, and the ethical and moral guidelines set forth in the catalog, and the Student Supplement Handbook. Students should not distribute or access any information that is offensive, obscene, harassing, sexist, racist, malicious, or slanderous.

3. The Seminary seeks to protect and preserve the privacy of personal communications. Users of Seminary computer equipment should be aware, however, that electronic communications by nature cannot be made entirely private.

4. Do not perform any activity on the Seminary’s computer systems or on the Internet that would degrade the performance or otherwise harm any Seminary computer system.

5. Internet access is available to valid library patrons using the public access catalog computers in the library. Information retrieved from the Internet using these computers should be saved to a flash drive or CD only, not the computers’ hard drives. The Internet may be accessed on these computers during regular library hours for a period of thirty minutes per day. A patron may continue to use the computer for another thirty minutes if there is no one waiting for a turn.

6. Use of the internet is a privilege, not a right, and violation of the Seminary’s Internet access policies will result in loss of Internet and/or computer use, and possible disciplinary action.

**Priority of Lab Use**

Seminary computing equipment is primarily for academic use and scheduled classes have priority of lab use.
**Software and Configuration**

1. Possession of any software or hardware used to corrupt files, introduce viruses, or otherwise harm the network is prohibited in the facilities of MABTS.
2. Users may not attempt to install any software on MABTS computers.
3. Users may not attempt to alter the configuration of any computer, network server, or network component anywhere on the MABTS network.

**Limitations of Usage**

The viewing or distribution of pornographic or other inappropriate (offensive) material on the MABTS computer network will result in suspension of the individual’s computer lab rights and referral to the appropriate dean for possible suspension or dismissal from MABTS.

1. Users may not play games on any computer in the lab.
2. No one shall use MABTS resources to transmit abusive, threatening, or harassing material, chain letters, spam, or communications prohibited by state or federal laws.
3. Computing equipment is not to be moved without the authorization of the director of Information Services. Do not stretch the cords or place the keyboard on your lap. Never put anything on top of the monitors. Do not vandalize or otherwise change any physical or software configuration.
4. Users may not solicit goods or services, electronically or otherwise, using MABTS computing facilities or equipment without the consent of the director of Information Services. Users may be required to reimburse MABTS for damage to Seminary equipment at the discretion of the Executive Administration Committee.
5. (Cordova campus) Access into Room A-112 is prohibited to all users unless authorized by the director of Information Services.

**Laptops in the Classroom**

The use of laptops in the classroom is subject to approval by the professor of the class. Normally, laptops are used for taking notes or making class presentations. Misuse of laptops (surfing the internet, listening to music, playing games, etc.) can result in the loss of this privilege.

**Individual Responsibilities**

1. There is no food or drink allowed in the computer lab at any time.
2. Users should back up their work frequently on their own flash drive or CD. MABTS is not responsible for any work lost due to any system malfunction or power outage.
3. MABTS does not provide paper for printing purposes. The responsibility to acquire paper rests solely upon the user.

**Lab Hours (Cordova Campus)**

1. When classes are in session, the Computer Lab operation hours are 7:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
2. The Computer Lab will be closed from 11:00–11:45 a.m. for chapel (Tuesday and Thursday).
3. There are 24 computers in the Library with full access during Library hours. Be sure to save your work on a flash drive or CD rather than the hard drive.

**Lab Hours (Northeast Campus)**

1. When classes are in session, the Computer Lab operation hours are 7:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. as well as on evenings when night classes meet.
2. The Computer Lab will be closed from 10:50–11:30 a.m. for chapel (Wednesday and Thursday).

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Participation

Use of the athletic facilities of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary is open to faculty, staff, and enrolled students and their families.

The fitness area and equipment are restricted to participants who are sixteen years old or older. However, they must be accompanied by a parent when using the fitness rooms. Those under the age of sixteen are not allowed in the fitness area/locker room at any time.

Students and family members must sign a release of liability form in order to use the athletic facilities. Children under the age of sixteen will need to be supervised by an adult at all times. Unattended children will be asked to leave. Parents assume liability for their children.

Dress Code

Exercise clothing for the athletic area must be modest and in good taste. Appropriate attire includes a shirt that is loose fitting, covers the midriff and has sleeves, and shorts that are loose fitting and are mid-thigh in length or longer. Indoor athletic shoes are required in the athletic area for your safety.

Locker Rooms

Men’s and women’s locker rooms are equipped with shower and locker facilities. Lockers are available for day use only. Participants are responsible for securing their personal items with their own locks. Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary will not be responsible for items left in lockers unsecured.