Computing at SU: New Student Checklist

Before you get to campus:

☐ Activate your NetID at http://netid.syr.edu from a Windows or a Mac computer
☐ Get to know MySlice at https://myslice.syr.edu/
☐ Make sure you understand SU’s e-mail policy at http://supolicies.syr.edu/it/email.htm
☐ Check your official SU email account often at http://SUmail.syr.edu
☐ Check http://its.syr.edu/computers/ for your school or college’s student computer recommendations
☐ If you need a computer, shop first for education discounts at the SU Bookstore by visiting http://bookstore.syr.edu
☐ Visit http://its.syr.edu/infosec/filesharing/index.html to find out about copyright law, SU’s related policies, and legal alternatives for downloading.
☐ Disable the MiFi/personal hotspot feature if it is enabled on your smartphone, tablet or computer.

Get your computer ready:

Make sure your computer has:

☐ Valid, up-to-date anti-virus software running
☐ The firewall turned on
☐ Automatic updates enabled
☐ Internet connection sharing (ICS) disabled
☐ Peer-to-peer file sharing (i.e., Tixati, uTorrent, Vuze, Ares) disabled or removed (removed is best)

Things to bring to campus:

☐ Your computer’s administrative password, and the original Windows or Macintosh operating system media and other media that came with your computer—as well as the original media and applicable license or key codes for your additional software—just in case any or all of it needs to be reloaded. Keep your media in a safe place.

☐ An Ethernet cable for any network-enabled TVs, streaming media devices (i.e., Roku 3), wireless game consoles (i.e., Xbox, Playstation), and similar devices, and if you want the option of a wired connection for your computer. Except for your computer, none of these are supported on the AirOrangeX wireless network.

☐ All the power and connection cables you need for your computer peripherals such as your printer, external hard drive, and monitor.

☐ A USB cable to connect your WiFi wireless printer, if you have one. Wireless printers interfere with the wireless network and don’t work on campus. However, bluetooth wireless printers will work fine.

☐ TV and coaxial cable to connect it.

☐ A reliable way to back up your stuff such as an external hard drive, or an online cloud service.

Don’t bring to campus:

☐ Personal wireless access points (i.e., routers, Airports, MiFi/personal hotspots). These devices—as well as “mobile hot spots” created by tablets and smartphones—do not work or co-exist with the wireless network and will disrupt it, interrupting service to users. Personal wired routers are allowed as long as their wireless capabilities are turned off.

☐ Wireless-only streaming devices (i.e., Chromecast, Roku 1 & 2). These can’t be configured to work on the wireless network.

Questions?

For more information, search http://answers.syr.edu, visit http://its.syr.edu, or get in touch with us at help@syr.edu or 315/ 443-2677.