

JANET Policy

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Please note that the JANET Policy should be reviewed in conjunction with the central University's IT Policies and Codes of Conduct.

1 General

1.1

This Policy applies to all staff of the Central Academic Bodies and central activities of the University of London's ("central University") using the electronic data transfer facilities. Any intentional breach of this policy may lead to disciplinary action, including dismissal.

1.2

As a user organisation of JANET the central University is required to ensure that its staff meet the conditions required by the United Kingdom Education and Research Networking Association (UKERNA) or any of its successors which, for the time being, is responsible for the management and provision of the JANET facilities.

1.2

Members of staff may only access and use the central University's computers, computer networks, and electronic data transfer facilities in ways that are deemed to involve an acceptable use of these facilities as defined by this policy.

2 Acceptable Use

2.1

The network can be used for the purpose of internetworking with other organisations that are reachable via interworking agreements.

2.3

Subject to the following paragraphs, the network may be used for any legal activity that is in furtherance of the aims and policies of the University.

3 Unacceptable

3.1

The network may not be used for any of the following activities.

3.2

The creation or transmission (other than for properly supervised and lawful research purposes) of any offensive, obscene or indecent images, data or other material, or any data capable of being resolved into obscene or indecent images or material.

3.3

The creation or transmission of material which is designed or likely to cause annoyance, inconvenience, or needless anxiety.

3.4

The creation or transmission of defamatory material.

3.5

The transmission of material such that this infringes the copyright of another person.

3.6

The transmission of unsolicited commercial or advertising material to other organisations.

3.7

Deliberate unauthorised access to facilities or services accessible via JANET.

3.8

Intentional use of the University network with any of the following characteristics:

- wasting staff effort or networked resources, including time on end systems accessible via the network and the effort of staff involved in support of those systems;
- corrupting or destroying other users' data;
- disrupting the work of other users;
- using JANET in a way that denies service to other users, e.g. deliberate or reckless overloading of access links or of switching equipment;
- continuing to use an item of networking software or hardware after the University has requested that use cease because it is causing disruption to the correct functioning of the network; and
- other misuse of networked resources, such as the introduction of "viruses".
- Where access to another network is achieved, any abuse of the acceptable use policy of that network will be regarded as unacceptable use of the University network.

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