

Residential Networking

What is ResNet?

ResNet, short for Residential Networking, refers to the service that allows students living in residence halls to connect personal computers to the campus network and to the Internet. Students may access resources such as MajorAccess, CourseConnect (the Millsaps course management system), library catalogs, e-mail, and personal network storage space.

In addition to this, students have access to an ITS ResNet Student Consultant for connections and software support. Millsaps students are also allowed installation of the current version of Microsoft Office via our Microsoft Campus Agreement.

The Department of ITS does **not** provide support for a personal computer, personal printer, or any other personal hardware. If you have problems with your personal hardware, we recommend contacting the vendor where the system/printer/etc. was purchased or a local certified service department.

Do I really need my own computer at Millsaps?

Personal Preference. At the close of the 2008-2009 academic year 98% of our student residents owned their own computer. Additionally, there are general purpose computer facilities available on campus for accessing the Millsaps network, various software applications, and printing capabilities. However, the computer labs **are not open 24 hours**, and during midterms and finals the labs can become crowded. Students who prefer to work from their dorm rooms or when labs are closed should consider bringing their own computer and printer. It is strongly recommended that you do not purchase a used computer.

What do I need to connect to ResNet?

To connect to the Millsaps network, a student must have a wired and/or a wireless network adapter and Windows XP, Windows Vista, or Mac OS X 10.3+. Before purchasing a new computer system, please check the purchasing suggestions below. It is also suggested that you purchase a pre-installed ethernet and/or wireless card.

Where do I purchase my Ethernet cable?

ITS will provide each new student with a 10' Ethernet cable at the start of his or her first semester at Millsaps for access to the wired network. Replacement cables are also available through the Department of ITS for a nominal fee.

Will I need anti-virus software?

Yes. ITS staff can install the latest compatible version of McAfee on your Windows PC. This software is not time-limited or crippled in any way. You will be entitled to all virus definition and scan engine updates. Should you prefer another anti-virus product such as Norton or Sophos, you may keep that on your computer without conflict with the network.

Does Millsaps offer discounts for new computer purchases?

Yes. Millsaps College partners with Dell, Inc. to offer the Employee and Education Purchase Program. This program entitles all enrolled students to educational discounts on Dell computer systems, products, and accessories. For details or ordering information, visit www.dell.com/millsaps.

Is Millsaps wireless?

Yes. All College residence halls, academic buildings, and public facilities are covered by MajorAir, an 802.11 b/g wireless network. A connection to MajorAir requires Windows XP Services Pack 2, Windows Vista, or Mac OS 10.3.3 or greater.