



## POLICY STATEMENT 121 ACCEPTABLE USE

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### I. PURPOSE

As an institution of higher education, Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College is charged with maintaining systems and data for administrative, academic, and research purposes. These assets are critical to the mission of the university, and the acceptable use of these systems and data sets must be managed with a formalized Acceptable Use Policy.

The purpose of this policy is to outline certain specific responsibilities that each user acknowledges, accepts, and agrees to follow when using IT assets provided at, for, and by and/or through LSU A&M, regardless of location of the IT asset.

### II. DEFINITIONS

**Artificial Intelligence (AI)** – Computer systems capable of performing tasks that typically require human intelligence, including but not limited to machine learning, natural language processing, and computer vision.

**Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)** – BYOD refers to the use of personal devices to connect to the organizational network and systems.

**Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA)** – DMCA is a 1998 United States copyright law that criminalizes production and dissemination of technology, devices, or services intended to circumvent measures that control access to copyrighted works.

**Internet of Things (IoT)** – IoT is the interconnection via the network of computing devices embedded in everyday objects, enabling them to send and receive data.

**Packet Capture** – Packet capture is a method of using a computer program or piece of hardware that can intercept and log traffic that passes over a digital network or part of a network.

**Port Scanning** – Port scanning is a method of determining which ports/services on a network are open and could be receiving or sending data.

### III. GENERAL POLICY

#### A. Network Acceptable Use

1. LSU A&M shall define acceptable use standards for all network-related assets, configurations, and activities including, but not limited to:

- a. Legal Compliance (e.g., DMCA)
- b. Internet of Things (IoT)
- c. Network analysis (e.g., packet captures, port scanning)
- d. Network utilization (e.g., bandwidth monitoring)
- e. Network peripherals (e.g., hubs, routers, switches)
- f. Network access (e.g., device registration)

#### B. System Acceptable Use

1. LSU A&M shall define acceptable use standards for all system-related assets, configurations, and activities, including but not limited to:
  - a. Access Controls (e.g., screen lock, logon/logoff procedures)
  - b. Data storage
  - c. Physical security (e.g., theft prevention, travel precautions)
  - d. BYOD security requirements
  - e. Usage activity auditing

#### C. Application Acceptable Use

1. LSU A&M shall define acceptable use standards for all applications-related configurations, and activities including, but not limited to:
  - a. Application permissions and credentials
  - b. Software installation, usage, and removal
  - c. Data transmission
  - d. Malicious software
  - e. Digital communication services (e.g., email, chat, conferencing, etc.)

#### D. Artificial Intelligence Acceptable Use

1. LSU A&M shall define acceptable use standards for use of Artificial Intelligence including, but not limited to:
  - a. Procurement of AI products and services
  - b. Use of AI products and services
  - c. Data security

### IV. STANDARDS

- A. The network acceptable use standards are outlined in **Standard PS-121-ST-1**.
- B. The system acceptable use standards are outlined in **Standard PS-121-ST-2**.
- C. The applications acceptable use standards are outlined in **Standard PS-121-ST-3**.
- D. The artificial intelligence acceptable use standards are outlined in **Standard PS-121-ST-4**.

**V. EXCEPTIONS AND NON-COMPLIANCE**

Refer to **PS-120-ST-4** for additional information related to exceptions.  
Refer to **PS 120** for additional information related to Policies and Standards non-compliance.

**REVISION HISTORY**

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