

College of the Desert

Wireless Guide



Free Wireless Campus Internet Access

Connect to the Internet anywhere on campus.



Quick Facts

Over 100 access points have been installed throughout campus covering all major areas.

Any device that has WiFi such as laptops, PDAs, and phones, can access wireless.

Wireless service on campus provides the same level of access to college resources as if you were at home via an Internet browser.

Access your web based email programs such as Yahoo mail, Google Gmail, Hotmail and Outlook Web Access email.

Wireless networks provide freedom of access for mobile users who need to connect to the Internet or other network resources from various locations across campus.

When not using the COD Wi-Fi access, be sure to disable your wireless card. A laptop's batteries will deplete much faster, since the battery must power the wireless card while connected.

For basic connection questions, contact the Cyber Café in the Hilb Center.

Operating systems supported:

- Windows XP
- Windows Vista
- Mac OS 10.3 and higher

FAQs

How do I connect?

Your Wi-Fi device will automatically detect the COD Guest wireless network.

How do I access the Internet?

When your browser attempts to connect to the Internet, you will be redirected to the College of the Desert's login page. You will be directed to the Acceptable Use Procedure and once you accept the terms, you will be able to connect.

How can I get help with wireless?

At this time, there is no hardware, software or network support. Please contact the Cyber Café in the Hilb Center during the Café's open hours for basic connection support. Always check their schedule each semester.

What College resources are available on the wireless?

Wireless service on campus provides the same level of access to college resources (Web Advisor, IE, Web Enhanced classroom, etc.) as if you were at home using an Internet browser. A direct connection to the College network is not available.

Is there specialized software that I need to put on my device to use the wireless network?

No specialized software is needed to connect.

How do I secure my device?

Users are expected to protect their computers with their own anti-virus and firewall software. This will protect the user's computer from data loss, and prevent hackers from accessing their computer.

Can I install a wireless network or access point in a classroom or office?

No. Personal wireless access points/routers are not allowed anywhere on the COD Network. Personal wireless access points interfere with the operation of the network and are in direct violation of COD's wireless acceptable use procedure. Individuals installing or using personal wireless access points are subject to losing part or all of their network and wireless privileges.

