

# Secure A College Wi-Fi Connection

Plain-English how-to. ~25 minutes. The eight steps that protect your accounts on dorm, lecture-hall, and campus Wi-Fi.

**The eight settings + habits that defend your accounts and devices on campus Wi-Fi.**  
Print, share, and re-run quarterly.

## Do This Right Now

#	STEP
1.	Connect via eduroam, not open campus Wi-Fi.
2.	Enable firewall; disable file/printer sharing.
3.	Update OS, browser, password manager; enable auto-updates.
4.	Generate unique passwords for every account in your password manager.
5.	Turn on MFA on every academic and financial account.
6.	Use VPN for sensitive non-campus services.
7.	Lock screen always, even for bathroom break.
8.	Re-run this checklist at the start of every semester.

## Why This Matters

- EDUCAUSE tracks meaningful breach activity from compromised student accounts every year. Single compromised devices have caused significant damage.
- Campus networks combine dense population, high time-on-network, weak authentication, and many practicing hackers among the user base.
- University IT focuses on institutional systems; individual student account security is largely the student's responsibility. Financial-aid packages are often tied to institutional systems.