

How To Get Connected To the WSC Network Windows XP

A Jump Start to Configuring Windows-Advanced Users

1. In order to get connected to the WSC campus network, you need to have completed a **Computer Check-In** form that you will receive when you move onto campus. Once a form has been filled out and is on file, you will be issued a patch cable. You need to have an **Ethernet Card** properly installed, if you do not ask **Network & Technology Services** personnel as to go about installing one. Now you need to make sure Windows is correctly configured.
2. Be default, Windows should already be setup to run on the WSC Network. If it is not you will need to check the following. To configure Windows, you need to have **TCP/IP** configured properly. **TCP/IP** is a built in feature of Windows XP and cannot be removed. If you are not able to access the Internet, you will have to adjust the settings of **TCP/IP**.
3. Go to the **Control Panel** and double-click **Network Connections**. Then select **Local Area Connection**. Then highlight **TCP/IP** and click **Properties**. Once there, make sure you have “**Obtain an IP Address Automatically**” selected and also select “**Obtain DNS Server Address Automatically.**” Then click **OK** a couple of times to close the open windows, and now your machine should be set up.
4. Now click on the **Start Menu** and select **Run**. In the command line type **command** or **cmd**. You will now be welcomed with a black screen and a DOS prompt. At the prompt type **ipconfig /all**. This will show you network information for your machine and Ethernet card. Your IP address should be **10.32.x.x** where the **x**'s will be replaced by random numbers. If you get this address you should be able to access the Internet on your machine. If you do not get this address, type **ipconfig /release** and then type **ipconfig /renew**. If you still do not get a valid IP address, contact **Network & Technology Services**.