

Hamilton College Second Life Policies

Second Life is an uncensored virtual 3D world. Hamilton College is exploring potential uses of this software for teaching and learning. Due to the frequent and unpredictable nature of software updates to Second Life, our evaluation requires that it **not** be installed on computers maintained by ITS. To allow the evaluation process to proceed, we have installed Second Life on USB flash drives. To run Second Life, please launch the appropriate program (Windows or Mac) directly from the USB drive. **Do not install Second Life on the computer.** Any use of Second Life is currently considered to be an evaluation. Second Life is **not** supported by ITS. If you experience issues or have questions, please send an email directly to Carl Rosenfield at crosenfi@hamilton.edu. Please do not contact the Helpdesk or any other service area within ITS for support. All users of Second Life at Hamilton College are expected to follow all the policies listed on this document.

Linden Labs Policies (modified from the original at <http://secondlife.com/app/help/rules/cs.php>)

1. The use of derogatory or demeaning language or images in reference to another Resident's race, ethnicity, gender, religion, or sexual orientation is never allowed.
2. Communicating or behaving in a manner that is offensively coarse, intimidating or threatening, constitutes unwelcome sexual advances or requests for sexual favors, or is otherwise likely to cause annoyance or alarm is harassment and is not allowed.
3. Shooting, pushing, or shoving another Resident or creating or using scripted objects which singularly or persistently target another Resident in a manner which prevents their enjoyment of Second Life is not allowed.
4. Sharing personal information about a fellow Resident --including real name, gender, religion, age, marital status, race, sexual preference, and real-world location beyond what is provided by the Resident in the First Life page of their Resident profile is a violation of that Resident's privacy.
5. Remotely monitoring conversations, posting conversation logs, or sharing conversation logs without consent are all prohibited in Second Life and on the Second Life Forums. These actions are not allowed.
6. Content, communication, or behavior which involves intense language or expletives, nudity or sexual content, the depiction of sex or violence, or anything else broadly offensive is not allowed.
7. Disrupting scheduled events, repeated transmission of undesired advertising content, the use of repetitive sounds, following or self-spawning items, or other objects that intentionally slow server performance or inhibit another Resident's ability to enjoy Second Life are not allowed.

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1. Visitors to the Hamilton College land in Second Life are to be treated with the same courtesy, respect and helpfulness that guests to our real campus should receive.
2. Do not share your Second Life password with others.
3. Do not allow others to control your avatar while you are not present.
4. Return Second Life USB drives to the Information Commons within three hours of check-out. Drives may be repeatedly checked out, if necessary.
5. Do not drive vehicles or use weapons on the Hamilton College land without making prior arrangements with ITS staff.
6. Do not leave objects that you create on Hamilton College land. Use "Take" to move them into your inventory.
7. Do not sell objects you make using Hamilton College computers without making prior arrangements with ITS staff.
8. Do not use vulgar or inflammatory language, even if provoked. If an avatar makes you feel uncomfortable, write down the name of the avatar, exit Second Life and send a description of the interaction and the avatar name to Carl Rosenfield (crosenfi@hamilton.edu)
9. All policies listed at http://www.hamilton.edu/college/its/policies_standards_plans/policies_home.html apply to Second Life as well.
10. Any and all issues, concerns, questions and ideas should be sent directly to Carl Rosenfield at crosenfi@hamilton.edu. Remember that Second Life is currently being **evaluated**. Its use is **not** supported by ITS.