Computer Accounts

SOLAR (Student On-Line Access to Records)

Students use SOLAR to register for classes, establish a NetID password, update phone numbers and addresses, pay bills, view grades, apply for financial aid, track degree/graduation progress, request official transcripts, submit campus employment timesheets, and vote in campus elections.

Log in to SOLAR at: http://www.stonybrook.edu/solarsystem ⧉ and make sure that your contact information is up to date.

NetID

Students use their NetID and NetID password to access University computing resources such as Blackboard, SINC Site computers, print documents, Print from Anywhere, free or discounted software, the Residential Network (ResNet), library databases, campus wireless (WolfieNet), MySBfiles (500MB of file storage) and Google Apps for Education (Email, Calendar, Docs, etc...). To find out your NetID and set your NetID password, log into SOLAR and click **NetID Maintenance** under Security and Personal Data. For more information and instruction on how to set your NetID password, please visit: www.stonybrook.edu/it ⧉ .

Blackboard

Blackboard is a web-based course management system that allows Stony Brook instructors to post course information, collect assignments, and administer quizzes and group projects. Only students registered for the course can access the site. Log into Blackboard using your NetID username and password at blackboard.stonybrook.edu ⧉

Important: Email addresses in Blackboard are set to your Stony Brook email address or your official University EPO email address (firstname.lastname@stonybrook.edu or firstname.lastname@stonybrookmedicine.edu). Be sure to check your Stony Brook Google Apps for Education email account or your Stony Brook Medicine email account every day! You don't want to miss the notice that there is a quiz or that class is cancelled.

Emailing through Blackboard

When you send an email from Blackboard, your name is not displayed. The recipient only sees the email address. It is important to sign your name at the bottom of any message you send. If an instructor tells you to refrain from sending emails and encourages you to visit during office hours, students should respect those wishes. While email is a popular communication tool among students, several instructors prefer to meet with students in person, especially in large classes.

Email Account

All Stony Brook students receive a Google Apps for Education account (Email, Calendar, Doc, etc.). To login, please visit: http://www.stonybrook.edu/mycloud ⧉ . Your Google Apps Email account remains active as long as you are a registered student at the University and abide by the Information Technology Policy & student conduct code.

Important: Once you are no longer registered for classes at Stony Brook University, you will lose access to this account. However, when you graduate from Stony Brook University you can acquire a Stony Brook Alumni account (@alumni.stonybrook.edu). If you require assistance, please contact the Alumni Office at (631) 632-6330.

File Storage

Students have two ways to store and back up files, MySBfiles and your Google Drive/Docs . Both systems are accessible from anywhere in the world, as long as you have access to the Internet.

MySBfiles

When you use a SINC Site on campus, the files are saved to your MySBfiles storage. This is accessible from any computer with Internet access. They are protected by anti-virus software and stored on university servers, so they are unaffected if a computer crashes or is stolen. Previous versions of files can be retrieved and there is room to host personal Web pages or websites.

Google Drive/Docs

Google Drive and Docs are the components of an integrated service that provides a single place to store, access, create, edit, and share documents, files, and folders of all types. For more information, please visit:
 http://www.stonybrook.edu/it > Services > Google Apps

Websites

Stony Brook provides Web hosting for all students. If you are interested in having a Web page at Stony Brook, you can use your MySBfiles, Google Site and/or your Sparky Account. For more information visit:
http://www.stonybrook.edu/it > Services