Configuring for Wireless Ethernet: Mac OS X

Step 1: Install the Airport Card

Install your Airport card and software according to Apple’s directions. If the Airport Setup Assistant window appears, you can simply close it by clicking in the close box in the upper left corner of the window. You do not need to use the Airport Setup Assistant.

IMPORTANT: Do NOT set up your Macintosh to be an Airport Software Base Station!

Configure the Wireless Card

Using Your Wireless Connection

Step 2: Using Your Wireless Connection

1. Go to a location on campus where wireless networking is available.
2. Start up your computer and open Applications/Internet Connect. Select Airport from the configuration drop-down menu. (If necessary, turn your Airport card on by selecting Turn Airport On.) Then choose Lehman College from the Network drop-down menu. The length of the colored area in the Signal Level bar indicates the strength of your wireless connection. If you have low signal strength, you may want to move to another location to get better performance.
3. Choose System Preferences from the Apple menu or click the System Preferences icon in the dock. Click the Network icon to display its options.
   • Set the Configure drop-down menu to Using DHCP.
   • Click Apply Now and then select Quit from the System Preferences menu.
   • Save the changes to your configuration when prompted.

Now you can run a network software program such as Netscape Navigator. You should be able to connect to the Internet and browse the Web just as you would with a wired connection.
Troubleshooting Wireless Connections

If you have trouble getting a wireless network connection, you should check the following:

• **Signal strength.** If Internet Connect indicates that you have no connection or the signal strength is low, make sure that you’re in a location where wireless networking is available. Check the location map and move if necessary.

• **Is your Airport card turned on?** See step 3 above.

• If your Airport is already turned on, check that the TCP/IP Network System Preferences are properly configured. See step 4 above.

• **Reboot your computer.** If all else fails, reboot your computer.