Faculty and Staff Instructions for connecting to the
Hood College VPN, Blazer files and your on-campus computer

NOTE: These instructions were written for Mac OS X 10.5 and above. Also, please note that these instructions assume that you have an active connection to the Internet.

Quick steps:
1. Connect to the Hood College VPN server (144.175.3.21)
2. Connect to your files on Blazer by mounting a drive
3. [Optional] Connect to your on-campus computer using remote desktop
4. [Optional] Once logged into your remote desktop session, you can run applications and connect to other resources.
5. When finished, simply disconnect in the reverse order.
   • [Optional] Disconnect (Logoff) the remote desktop session
   • Disconnect from the Hood VPN server
   • [Optional] Close the connection to your ISP

Detailed steps:

Step 1: Setting up a VPN connection to Hood College

• From System Preferences, choose Network
• On the Network panel, click the VPN (PPTP) connection on the left navigation panel
• Enter the following information:
  
  Configuration: enter a name for this configuration or leave as default
  Server Address: 144.175.3.21
  Account Name: Hood\Username
  Encryption: Automatic
  Authentication Settings: click on this button and enter your Hood password

• Check Show VPN Status in menu bar. This will place a small icon in your top menu bar. You can click on this icon in the future to quickly connect to Hood’s VPN.

Extra Points: You can rename or duplicate/rename a VPN object to make the

Step 2: Connecting to the Hood College VPN Server

There are two easy methods to connect to the Hood VPN Server once the connection has been created:

1. Press the Connection button located on the Network panel within System Preferences
2. Press the VPN icon in the upper menu bar of your Mac. A drop down menu will provide you with a list of your configured connections. Click on the connection you wish to open.
Step 3: Connecting to your files on Blazer by mounting a drive

In order to mount a drive from Hood’s network, you will need to establish a drive connection. This is accomplished by creating a “connection” to a shared folder. Because you are connecting to a Windows server, you will need to use the Samba protocol (smb).

1. In the Finder, click on the Go menu, select Connect to Server.
2. Enter the address to where the resource is you wish to map. (i.e. smb://blazer/foldername)
   a. Personal folder: smb://blazer/foldername
   b. Department folder: smb://blazer/departmentfoldername
3. Enter your network password when prompted.
   a. ID: hood\username
   b. PW: your Hood network password
4. A new icon should appear on the desktop. That is your mapped network drive.

Step 4: Connecting to your on-campus computer using remote desktop

If you use a Windows computer at work, there are two programs that will allow you to connect to your remote desktop. They are as follows:

CoRD

Download: http://cord.sourceforge.net/

The image to the right explains how to setup a connection using CoRD.
Microsoft Remote Desktop for Macs

Download: http://www.microsoft.com/mac/products/remote-desktop/default.mspx

Step 5: Running Hood applications and accessing Hood resources

You are now working inside a window that is a remote desktop session. This session acts as if you are sitting in front of your on-campus computer. From this session you can now run applications and access your P:\ drive and other network resources as if you were on campus.

Step 6: Closing your remote desktop and VPN connections

When you are finished performing your college related work, you should close your connections your Hood computer. Do this in the reverse order of the previous steps.

- If you have a remote desktop session open, close this first
- Close your Hood VPN connection

If you have mounted your personal or department drive, those connections will automatically terminate when you close your VPN connection.