UB Air Conditioning Policy

Room Temperature
The University’s air conditioning policy calls for UB air conditioned facilities to be cooled to 76 degrees during normal occupied hours. During off-hours, temperatures may rise above this level.

In implementing this policy, University Facilities seeks to ensure that all air conditioned spaces are as close to 76 degrees as possible without being higher than that threshold. In practical terms, this means temperatures may be in the 74-76 degree range. Some buildings may have areas where temperatures are cooler than 74-76 degrees because computer labs in the same fan zone require extra cooling to achieve 76 degrees. Providing that extra cooling requires colder-than-normal fan discharge temperatures which can cause other areas in the same fan zone to run cooler.

Temperature readings are taken at the thermostat or desk level.

To report over-cooling or under-cooling, please call University Facilities Customer Services at 645-2025 or from any campus phone. These complaints will be responded to within 24 hours. Complaints about air conditioning policy implementation should be addressed to Utilities Manager John Russo (829-2996 jprusso@buffalo.edu).

Please Help Us with Computer-Related Cooling Problems
Computers generate heat during normal operation and this imposes additional cooling loads on building air conditioning systems. Cooling problems have increased on campus because of the proliferation of computers and the creation of computer labs and computer server rooms in spaces which were not originally designed for these air conditioning loads. These problems can be partially solved by computer users and computer lab managers if they would implement these simple energy conservation measures: Turn computers, monitors and printers on only as needed and turn off when not actively in use. Computer labs need not have all computers on when use is sparse. Even if computers must be on, monitors can be switched off unless actively in use (including monitors for servers). Don’t leave equipment on continuously unless it is continuously in use.

Make sure all computers, monitors and laser printers have their energy management features enabled. Enabling these features is generally very easy and quick. Consult your computer’s operating manual. Use desk jet printers whenever possible. These are low wattage and give off much less heat than laser printers.

Complaints about inadequate air conditioning of computer rooms should be directed to University Facilities Customer Services at 645-2025 from any campus phone.

Reheat Operation
"Reheats" are heating coils which (during the cooling season) can be used to heat up air conditioned air which is too cold for distribution into occupied spaces. Supercooling air and then reheating it is very expensive -- though is sometimes necessary in laboratory buildings where dehumidification is required and in fan zones with uneven cooling loads. UB’s air conditioning
policy calls for minimizing the use of reheats. Minimizing reheat operations may mean running some dehumidified spaces cooler than 74-76 degrees.

**Off-hours Air Conditioning**
During off-hours, air conditioning will be turned off – unless required for academic purposes. Off-hours cooling requests can be made by contacting University Facilities Customer Services at 645-2025.