

# SPSS Commuter License

Accessing SPSS Without an Internet Connection

## Overview

An SPSS commuter license is available for Windows laptop computer users who need to run the SPSS program when no Internet connection is available. The commuter license allows you to use a "check out" process **while the computer is connected to the Internet**, then disconnect from the Internet and use the software (for up to 21 days) without a network connection. With a standard SPSS "network license" (versions 14 and 15), the computer must have an Internet connection in order for the software to run. A commuter license is ideal for laptop users who occasionally need to use SPSS away from a network connection. No additional software needs to be installed and there is no extra charge; the commuter license option is included with a current yearly subscription to SPSS through ITS.

## Checking Out a Commuter License

Follow these steps to check out a commuter license:

1. The laptop must have a **currently** licensed version of SPSS 15 purchased through ITS
2. The laptop must **initially** have an Internet connection (either wired or wireless, on campus or off) to check out a license
3. Go to **Start** → **All Programs** → **SPSS for Windows** → **SPSS 15.0 Commuter License**
4. In the window that opens click once on **SPSS for Windows 15** to highlight it
5. In the **Duration (days):** field at the bottom of the window enter the number of days (up to 21) that you would like to use the commuter license
6. Click the **Check Out** button
7. Click **Exit**

You can now disconnect from the Internet and use SPSS without an Internet connection for the number of days specified during check out. **IMPORTANT:** When opening the SPSS program, always launch **SPSS 15.0 for Windows**, **NOT** the commuter license option, which is **only** used for checking a license out or in.

## Tips

- If your commuter license expires (based on the number of days you specified during check out) you can connect to the Internet again to check out another commuter license.
- Remember to **check in** your license (using the "Check In" button following the same steps as shown above) if you use it for less time than specified during check out. This makes the license available to other users who may need it.
- Commuter licenses are available on a "first come, first served" basis. The check out screen will indicate how many, if any, licenses are available for check out.
- Users of versions prior to 14, as well as Mac laptop users, have a different type of license which does not require an Internet connection so the commuter license option is not applicable.

## For More Information

For more information on SPSS, go to the ITS Support Site at <https://www.ithaca.edu/computing/support/>. For additional help, contact the ITS Helpdesk at [helpdesk@ithaca.edu](mailto:helpdesk@ithaca.edu) or 4-3282.

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## Quick Guide