

SPSS Commuter License

Accessing SPSS Without an Internet Connection

Overview

An SPSS commuter license is available for laptop computer users (available for Windows laptops running SPSS 14 or higher and Mac laptops running SPSS 17) 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. Without the commuter license, computers must be connected to the Internet at all times in order to use SPSS under the College's SPSS "network license". 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 (version 14 or higher) 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
 - a. **Windows:** Go to **Start** → **All Programs** → **SPSS for Windows** → **SPSS Commuter License**
 - b. **Mac:** Go to **Applications** → **SPSSInc** → **Statistics17** → **SPSS Statistics 17.0 Commute License Utility**
3. In the window that opens click once on **your version of SPSS** to highlight it
4. 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
5. Click the **Check Out** button
6. 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 the SPSS program and not the commuter ("commute" on a Mac) 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.

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 or 4-3282.

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