

## VPN (Virtual Private Network)

VPN is a secured, remote connection—often using the Internet—which allows your computer to communicate directly with a corporate network. Taylor offers VPN connections to faculty and staff who exhibit a need for remote connection. A VPN connection is necessary if you want to connect to Taylor’s network from off-campus or if you want to connect to Banner and other restricted-access Taylor servers from Taylor’s wireless network.

This tutorial covers the installation and use of Taylor’s VPN client. Installation is easy and takes less than 2 minutes.

### Limitations

When connected to Taylor’s network using VPN, certain limitations exist. Access is limited to Taylor servers (i.e. Banner, personal network folders, etc.). Contact Client Services if you have questions about access to other, more restricted-access Taylor resources.

Taylor’s VPN client is smart enough to distinguish between Taylor-specific traffic and normal Internet traffic. This means that your PC bypasses the Taylor VPN for normal Internet traffic (such as web browsing) while routing Taylor resources through the Taylor VPN connection.

**Note: Because normal Internet browsing is not routed through the Taylor network, Internet filtering is not applied.**

### Locate and Install Taylor’s VPN Client

The installation process is simple and generally takes less than 2 minutes.

- Launch an internet browser
  - Internet Explorer works best for Windows
  - Safari works best for Mac
- Browse to the Faculty/Staff page of the 4040 support site: <http://4040.taylor.edu/facstaffmain.html>
- Locate the section on VPN Access
- Click the appropriate link (on- or off-campus)
- Sign in using your Taylor username and password
- Installation should happen automatically
- You may be prompted to install and/or approve the Java plug-in

### Uninstalling Taylor’s VPN Client

Use Add or Remove Programs for Windows. For Mac, don’t just drag and drop. Instead open up the Cisco folder and run the uninstall.