

# Password Expiration Policy

To ensure the security of College resources, passwords must be changed every **120 days**. If your account is compromised (password is ever lost or stolen), this limits the access that an attacker may have to a short window of time. Periodic password changes also help the IT Division to identify inactive accounts, so that they may be removed when no longer in use. Finally, forced password changes help to identify compromised accounts, because if an attacker compromises your account and changes your password before you do, you will notice that your old password no longer works when you attempt to log in. For these reasons, we enforce the 120 day limit on every Owens account. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping to keep College resources safe!

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