

## Email Accounts

### Did you know that your email can give you away?

What do you think when you see this email address: [maria1151974@viu.edu](mailto:maria1151974@viu.edu)? If I saw this email address, I can guess that your name was “Maria” and that your birth date was January 15th, 1974. This gives away your age!

This email address says that you probably had some milestone in your life around 2005: [angeleyes2005@viu.edu](mailto:angeleyes2005@viu.edu). I can probably guess that this milestone was your graduation from high school. Yes, again this gives away your age!

This address might give someone the impression of your maturity: [lilboyblue@viu.edu](mailto:lilboyblue@viu.edu)

### What does your email say about your computer skills?

Having an email usually means that you know how to use the computer. Many people who have not kept up with the times do not have emails!

### What is a good email address?

You should make an email address that is more along the conservative route. I recommend choosing something that is simple; maybe just include some form of your name or your favorite number.

Good account names!	Maybe you should find something else!
<a href="mailto:Kevin@viu.edu">Kevin@viu.edu</a>	<a href="mailto:tommyboy01@viu.edu">tommyboy01@viu.edu</a>
<a href="mailto:morgan.samantha@viu.com">morgan.samantha@viu.com</a>	<a href="mailto:jujubee@viu.edu">jujubee@viu.edu</a>
<a href="mailto:williamvhunter@viu.edu">williamvhunter@viu.edu</a>	<a href="mailto:eyesforyou@viu.edu">eyesforyou@viu.edu</a>
<a href="mailto:martinkevin@viu.edu">martinkevin@viu.edu</a>	<a href="mailto:ilovetoeatmangosintheshummer@viu.edu">ilovetoeatmangosintheshummer@viu.edu</a>

Just like everything else in your job search, your email needs to be professional.

### Where can I make an email account?

At VIU, you are given an email account for use while studying at VIU. You should use this account and check it frequently, as this is the primary method of contact for your teachers and VIU staff. You should check your email at least once per day.

There are tons of places for you to make email accounts! You can make email accounts on yahoo.com, gmail.com, hotmail.com. These are excellent places to create email accounts because **THEY ARE FREE!**

Sometimes you can create email accounts through your internet provider: Comcast.com, Verizon.net, etc. These you usually have to pay for in some form (your internet connection for example).

### **How do I make an account?**

Go to one of those places listed above and click on “open an account”. You will have to fill out some information about yourself and usually you have to select your own name for your account. Many times, especially for those of us with common names, the first try will already have been taken. Try a couple of times, or if you do not care about what your account name is, then let the computer generate one for you. Just remember: the computer is not concerned with you having a professional account name.

Also, remember that your email account will be with you for a very long time! Choose something that will not date you or give away your age a few years from now. The more conservative and easy to remember, the better.

Do you need some help with your email? Please come and see us for advice!