

# UNI VPN (Virtual Private Network)

## Background

Connecting to the VPN (Virtual Private Network) allows access to services here at the University of Northern Iowa that are not available from off-campus, such as [eBusiness](#). It is strongly suggested that VPN be used from a UNI managed computer or other device.

If there are any issues with installing or connecting, refer to Cisco's AnyConnect documentation for [Windows](#) or [macOS](#).

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## Installing on a Personal Device

Below are instructions to install the VPN on a personal device (not managed by UNI).

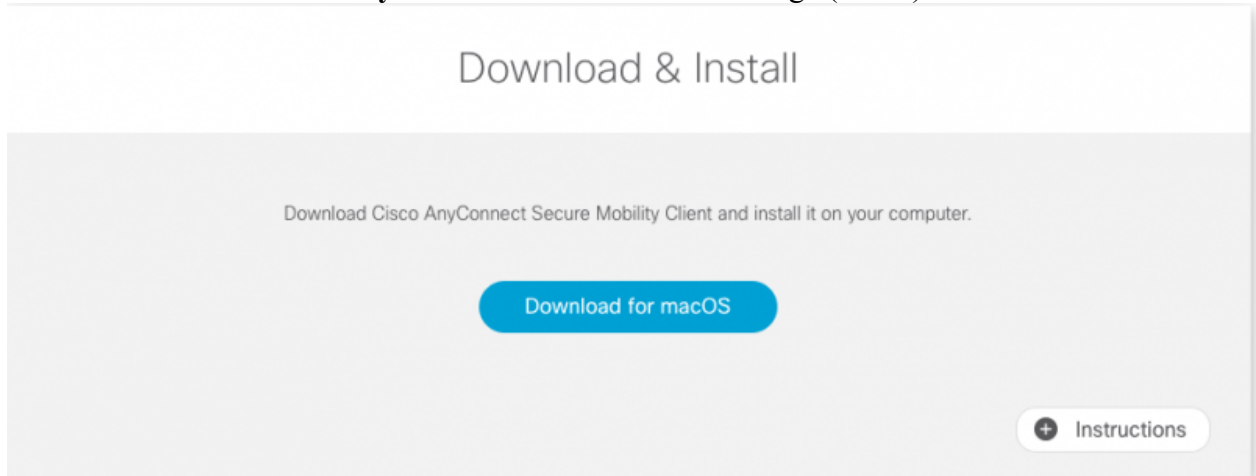
### Windows

1. Visit <https://sslvpn.uni.edu> in your web browser.
2. Make sure the **Group** dropdown box has **CS-Students** selected if you are using the External VPN; otherwise, select the appropriate VPN.
3. Enter your CatID username and password.
4. Click **Login**.
5. If you are [enrolled in multi-factor authentication](#), the Duo prompt will appear. Approve the prompt. Those not enrolled in Duo will skip to the next step automatically.
6. Click the **Download for Windows** link to download the VPN software to your computer. The filename will begin with **anyconnect**.
7. Run the anyconnect file that was just downloaded which will [install the Cisco AnyConnect Secure Mobility Client](#). Approve and/or log into any User Account Control prompts that may appear.
8. When the install is complete, click **Finish**. Restart your computer if prompted to do so.

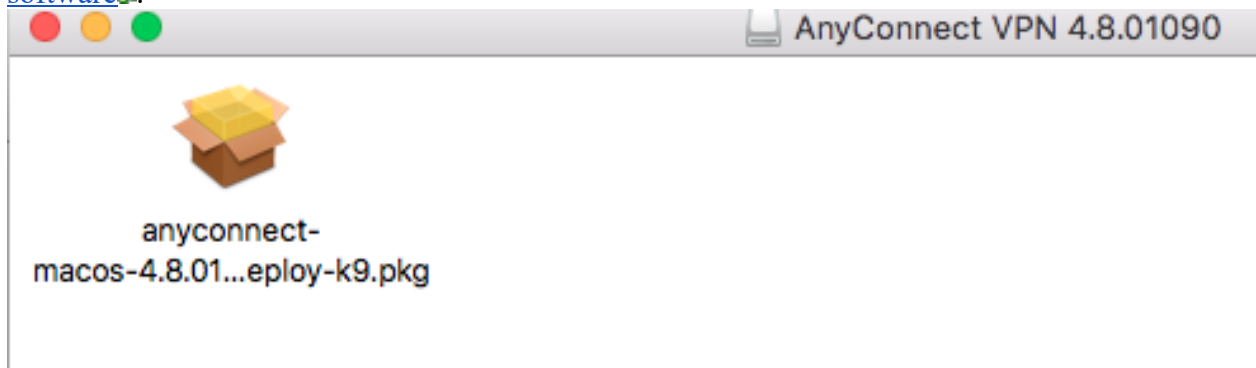
### macOS

1. Visit <https://sslvpn.uni.edu> in your web browser.
2. Make sure the **Group** dropdown box has **CS-Students** selected if you are using the External VPN; otherwise, select the appropriate VPN.

3. Enter your CatID username and password.
4. Click **Login**.
5. If you are [enrolled in multi-factor authentication](#), the Duo prompt will appear. Approve the prompt. Those not enrolled in Duo will skip to the next step automatically.
6. Click the **Download for macOS** link to download the VPN software to your computer. The filename will include **anyconnect** and will be a disk image (DMG) file:



1. Run the AnyConnect DMG file downloaded.
2. Double-click the **anyconnect-macos.pkg\*** file to [install the AnyConnect VPN client software](#):



1. Follow the on-screen prompts to install the Cisco AnyConnect Secure Mobility Client. Approve any administrative prompts that may appear.
2. When the install is complete, click **Close**. You may drag the AnyConnect VPN disk mount on the desktop to the trash to dismount it.

## Connecting to the VPN

Once the AnyConnect client is installed, follow the instructions below to connect.

## Windows & macOS

1. Find and run the **Cisco AnyConnect Secure Mobility Client**.
2. Enter **sslvpn.uni.edu/CS-Students** or **internalvpn.uni.edu/CS-Students** into the box and click **Connect**.
3. Enter your CatID username and password. For most VPN's you'll be prompted for a "Second Password", either enter a DUO passcode or *push* to receive a push notification.
4. The AnyConnect client will connect to the VPN. If there is a period of inactivity, the VPN will automatically disconnect.
5. When you wish to disconnect, open the client again and click **Disconnect**.

