Copyright in the Classroom
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Take note:

- UA has a Use of Copyright Materials Policy and Procedure (see UAPPOL, https://policiesonline.ualberta.ca/).

- The Copyright Act includes limited use exceptions for educational institutions.

- UA Libraries negotiate and purchase access to resources for use in your classroom.

- Content openly accessible on the web is not necessarily in the public domain or available for re-distribution. Learn about terms of use and permissions before sharing.

- Open licences (e.g., Creative Commons) make it easy to understand what types of re-distribution and re-use are acceptable to rightsholders.

- Copyright terms don’t last forever. Works generally enter the public domain 50 years after the year of death of the author / composer / artist.

Need to submit a Copyright Review Request Form? It’s on the Copyright Office website. Please allow 6 - 8 weeks for processing.
Preamble

The Copyright Act contains a Fair Dealing exception, which permits the use of copyright-protected works without permission from the copyright owner or the payment of royalties. To qualify for Fair Dealing, two tests must be passed:

i. The dealing must be for one of the following purposes enumerated in the Copyright Act: research, private study, education, parody, satire, criticism, review, or news reporting; and

ii. The dealing must be fair. The fairness of the dealing is assessed in accordance with a number of specific factors outlined by the Supreme Court of Canada.

The purpose of these Guidelines is to provide a simple and straightforward approach to making determinations of the application of the Fair Dealing exception in particular circumstances. While the Guidelines are not intended to be a replacement for the full analysis outlined by the Supreme Court of Canada, use of the Guidelines is expected to yield a result consistent with such a full analysis in the vast majority of applicable cases.

Guidelines

These Guidelines apply to all reproductions of copyright-protected works under the university’s Use of Copyright Materials Policy and Procedure. They are not intended to apply to reproductions made outside the scope of that Policy. Additionally, these Guidelines are not intended to limit reproductions of works in which the university holds the copyright nor reproductions made in accordance with the terms of licence agreements that apply to specific resources.

Under these Guidelines:

1. Course instructors, faculty, researchers, and university employees (users) may reproduce and communicate short excerpts from a copyright-protected work for the purposes of research, private study, education, parody, satire, criticism, review, or news reporting.

2. Reproductions or communications of short excerpts for the purpose of news reporting, criticism or review must mention the source and, if given in the source, the name of the author or creator of the work.

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   b. an entire chapter from a book;
   
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   d. an entire artistic work (including a painting, print, photograph, diagram, drawing, map, chart, or plan) from a copyright-protected work containing other artistic works;
   
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   d. newsletters with restricted circulation intended to be restricted to a fee paying clientele;
   
   e. business cases which are made available for purchase; or
   
   f. multiple short excerpts from the same copyright-protected work, with the intention of reproducing or communicating substantially the entire work.

The Copyright Office can provide assistance with questions about the implementation or interpretation of these Guidelines.