

Copyright & Licensing – Guidance for Students and Staff

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COPYRIGHT & LICENSING – GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF**Overview**

Copyright is an intellectual property right that protects original work and gives the creator control over how it can be used for a period of time. It arises automatically on creation and does not need to be registered.

It protects:

- Literary, dramatic, musical & artistic works
- Sound and music recordings
- Films
- Broadcasts
- Computer software and code
- Website content
- Typographical arrangements of published editions

Copyright legislation covers both published and unpublished works including

- Research output
- Teaching materials
- Student work
- Correspondence
- Social media posts
- Photographs and digital images

Copyright protects the expression of an idea as it is recorded and not the idea itself.

Ownership

The basic position is that the owner of a copyright work will be the person who created it. However, alternative contractual arrangements may be put in place (e.g. work created by an employee in the course of their employment is often owned by the employer). The owner may also sell the work as they see fit.

The University's 'Exploitation of Intellectual Property Procedure' provides further information on copyright ownership for members of staff and students. This Procedure is available on the following page of the University's website [Policies, Procedures & Guidance | UWS | University of the West of Scotland](#)

Copyright Protection

Work is automatically covered by copyright unless the creator has actively chosen to make it freely available by adding an open access license or wording indicating how the material can be used.

Copyright gives the owner the right to decide how the material is used and to stop other people from using it without permission. If a work is copyrighted, you must not do any of the following unless you have the owner's permission:

- Copy it
- Distribute copies of it to other people
- Perform, show or play it in public
- Adapt it
- Put it on the internet

Copyright protection lasts for a limited amount of time. The length of protection depends on the type of work, as set out below.

Type of work	Example	How long does it last?
Literary, dramatic, musical and artistic works	Books, photographs, pictures, journal articles, graphs, tables, music notation, digital images	70 years after the death of the author or creator
Sound and music recordings	Music, speeches and performances	70 years from the end of the year in which the recording was made
Films	Feature films, animated films, home videos	70 years from the end of the year when the last principal director, screenplay writer or composer of soundtrack dies
Broadcasts	TV programmes, podcasts, online seminars	50 years from the end of the year when the broadcast was made
Typographical arrangements of published editions	The layout, formatting or style of a published work	25 years from publication

Copyright Exceptions

It may be possible to use copyrighted works if:

- (1) There is a statutory exception (including 'fair dealing')
- (2) The University holds an appropriate licence

Statutory Exceptions

The Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 ("CDPA") sets out a number of exceptions that allow individuals to use copyrighted works. Some of the exceptions which are relevant to University students, researchers and staff include using copyrighted works for:

- Private study
- Non-commercial research
- Illustration for instruction
- Quotation, criticism or review
- Creating accessible copies for disabled users

Fair Dealing

The exceptions set out above are subject to 'fair dealing'. Fair dealing is the right to reproduce limited portions of copyrighted works without permission. There is no legal definition of 'fair dealing' and judgement must be used to decide whether the copying would (1) affect the sale of the work; and (2) be deemed reasonable and appropriate.

The amount that can be copied under 'fair dealing' is not set out in law and the following table should be used as a rough guide only. A good rule is to keep it short and to only copy what you absolutely need.

The table below is intended as a guide for internal use of copyright materials. Guidance should be sought before sharing resources containing copyright content with external partners or making it publicly available.

Fair dealing exception	How much can be copied (examples from case law)
<p>Private study exception* - allows individual students to copy extracts from material for their own reference purposes.</p> <p><i>*Academic staff must not make copies on behalf of multiple students or share scans or downloads of copyright material</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One article from any one issue of a journal • One chapter or up to 5% (whichever is greater) of a book • One poem or short story of up to 10 pages from an anthology • One legal case report
<p>Non-commercial research exception* - allows individual researchers to copy extracts from material for their own reference purposes.</p> <p><i>*Researchers must seek permission from the rights holder to include copyright material in published research outputs (including theses made available online).</i></p>	
<p>Illustration for instruction exception - allows lecturers to copy material to highlight specific points whilst teaching.</p> <p>Access to the material should be limited to students being taught on a recognised course of study.</p> <p>When using this exception you must consider;</p> <p><i>Could the use affect the sale of the work?</i></p> <p><i>Would a reasonable person interpret the amount used as the minimum required to support the specific point being made?</i></p>	<p><u>In some cases</u> up to the following amounts have been considered fair, however, this will be considered on a case by case basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One extract of no more than 400 words • Several extracts of no more than 300 words each and totalling no more than 800 words • Up to 40 lines from a poem, not exceeding one-quarter of the work • A single image / table / chart used to illustrate a specific point
<p>Quotation, criticism or review – allows students, researchers and staff to quote short extracts from copyrighted works in essays, reviews and journal articles.</p> <p>The ‘criticism or review’ exception refers to specific discussion of the copyright work.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single extract of no more than 400 words • A series of extracts of no more than a total of 800 words, with no single extract exceeding 300 words
<p>Creating accessible copies for disabled users – allows individuals to copy work in accessible formats (i.e. adapting work into braille or adding subtitles)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal copies of entire documents may be provided for disabled learners as long as a copy of the document is owned by the institution, the author of the work is acknowledged and a statement is included that the copies are made under Section 31B of the CDPA

In general exceptions above (other than quotation, criticism and review) relate to internal usage within the University. If broader use is required, such as posting in a public forum, presenting at a conference, or including material in published research, permission from the rights holder will usually be required. Public sharing of copyright material can result in fines for unauthorised use, which may need to be met by the school or department.

Licences

The University also holds CLA, NLA and ERA licences that permit limited reproduction of some copyrighted materials.

CLA Licence	How much can be copied
<p>Allows</p> <p>Copying from published text-based resources (<i>excluding newspapers</i>) for the purposes of teaching and research.</p> <p>Scanning of resources for online use for teaching purposes*</p> <p>The provision of a single <u>print</u> copy to a partner involved in a joint research project.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One article from any one issue of a journal • One chapter or up to 10% (whichever is greater) of a book • One poem or short story of up to 10 pages from an anthology • One legal case report
Limitations	
<p>Some publishers and specific resources are excluded from the license</p> <p>Copies must be made by the library or print services</p> <p>The original work should be owned by the institution, not an individual</p> <p><i>*Scanned material must be associated with a specific module, and access must be limited to legitimate members of the module.</i></p> <p>Licensing for students studying through partnership arrangements can vary according between resources. Use of copyright materials with students in partnership arrangements should be discussed with the library service by contacting e-resources@uws.ac.uk in advance.</p>	

The NLA licence permits some copying of newspaper articles for use in teaching, and the ERA licence relates to the use of TV and radio programmes within education. Further information is available from the library.

Other Licences

Copyright material rights holders, such as publishers and other suppliers, often provide licences giving additional permission for use in education. Further details can be sought from the Copyright Enquiry Service below.

CC Licences provide pre-licensed conditions for additional use

Copyright Enquiry Service

The UWS Library provides a Copyright Enquiry Service to help staff and students to comply with copyright legislation and the terms of any licences. The service can help you with:

- using copyrighted material for learning, teaching, research or publication
- available licensing and limitations on use, including sources of CC licensed material
- making copies of chapters or articles for teaching or research
- queries relating to use of databases for automated text and data mining
- publication licensing and/or copyright transfer
- asking for permission from copyright owners

Get in touch by emailing copyright@uws.ac.uk.

Your Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of all members of staff and students to ensure that they are acting within the terms of any copyright legislation and licences that the University holds. Acting outside of the law or terms of licenses may lead to disciplinary action.