

# Copyright



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[www.twu.ca/library/copyright](http://www.twu.ca/library/copyright)

## Course Packs

Course packs are available through the Book Store. Contact them for more information.

## What's up with Access Copyright?

We are currently operating under an interim licence with Access Copyright (AC) while the AUCC negotiates a new agreement. This means the information about AC on our [Copyright on Campus](#) page is up to date.

## Copyright FAQs

### Is it OK to put the PDF of an article in MyCourses?

Under current copyright law, no. It's best to create a permanent link to the article. See [this page](#) for more information.

Some database licences do allow the posting of PDFs on password protected sites (called e-reserves). See [this page](#) for details.

### Is it OK to scan material and post the PDF in MyCourses?

No. Unless the material is in the Public Domain, or you have permission from the copyright holder. **NOTE:** The Access Copyright agreement does not cover scanning.

### Is it OK to show a video in class?

It depends on the licence. Go [here](#) for detailed information.

### Is it OK to show YouTube clips in class?

Probably. YouTube has a system whereby copyright owners can request that a video be removed. Therefore, it's safe to assume that videos are on YouTube because the owners want them to be seen. For other video-sharing sites, check their copyright information page. **NOTE:** It's a violation of copyright to download and save a YouTube video to your computer unless the owner of the video provides a download link. If a video disappears from YouTube, it's usually because the copyright owner has requested that it be removed.

### Is it OK to show documentaries archived online (e.g. CBC, PBS, etc.) in class?

In Canada there is no provision for educational use (as there is in the US), so you'll need to check the terms of use for each site. Linking to a documentary is fine. **NOTE:** If the news site has uploaded the video to YouTube, you're probably ok showing it under YouTube's terms of use.



## Is it OK to hand out copies of an article to everyone in class?

Yes. As long as it's only one article and students aren't charged for it.

**NOTE:** This applies only to physical copies, not PDFs.

### Fair Dealing

Fair dealing is a set of exceptions to copyright that allows limited copying, without permission for the purpose of research, private study, criticism, review, or news reporting. Fair dealing in Canada is not as broad or well-defined as Fair Use in the United States. See [this page](#) for more information.

### Public Domain

In Canada, works leave copyright and enter the [public domain](#) 50 years after the year in which the creator died. Remember when copying material from an edited book that while the creator's portion may be in the public domain, the editorial comments may not be. Translations enter the public domain 50 years after the death of the translator.

**NOTE:** For students residing in Europe or the United States, documents enter the public domain 70 years after the death of the creator. Therefore, it's a violation of copyright if they download a work from MyCourses that isn't in the public domain in

their country, even though it's ok for Canadian residents.

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### More Information

- [Canadian Copyright Act \(C-42\)](#)
- [Canadian Heritage -- Fair Dealing after CCH](#)
- [A Guide to Copyrights](#)
- [Compleat World Copyright Website](#)

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