



Copyright Infringement Policy

Purpose

The purpose of the Copyright Infringement Policy is to comply with copyright law for the use of copyrighted material on UIC computer systems and networks. In addition, this policy seeks to make aware to all users the seriousness as well as possible consequences for unauthorized use of copyrighted material. It is illegal. This policy applies to all users and subscribers of the UIC Network. Users are required to comply with the legal safeguards provided for copyrighted and licensed works.

What is Copyright?

“Copyright is a form of protection provided by the laws of the United States (title 17, U.S. Code) to the authors of “original works of authorship,” including literary, dramatic, musical, artistic, and certain other intellectual works. This protection is available to both published and unpublished works. Section 106 of the 1976 Copyright Act generally gives the owner of copyright the exclusive right to do and to authorize others to do the following:

- To reproduce the work in copies or phony records;
- To prepare derivative works based upon the work;
- To distribute copies or photo records of the work to the public by sale or other transfer of ownership, or by rental, lease, or lending;
- To perform the work publicly, in the case of literary, musical, dramatic, and choreographic works, pantomimes, and motion pictures and other audiovisual works;
- To display the copyrighted work publicly, in the case of literary, musical, dramatic, and choreographic works, pantomimes, and pictorial, graphic, or sculptural works, including the individual images of a motion picture or other audiovisual work; and
- In the case of sound recordings, to perform the work publicly by means of a digital audio transmission.”

US Copyright Office (www.copyright.gov)

Policy

UIC strictly prohibits any and all of the following: copyright, trademark, patent, trade secret or other intellectual property infringement, including but not limited to using any copyrighted names, text or images, offering pirated computer programs or links to such programs, serial or registration numbers for software programs, copyrighted music, etc., as policy on the use of copyrighted material on the Institution’s computer systems and networks.

UIC respects the copyrights of those involved in creating and distributing copyrighted material, including music, movies, software, and other literary and artistic works. It is the policy of UIC to comply with copyright law. If users utilize copyrighted materials for educational, instructional, research, scholarship and like arenas, the college will follow the legal doctrine of fair use

currently a part of the copyright law. The college's users will not make unauthorized copies of copyrighted material on or using UIC computer systems, networks or storage media.

This is inclusive of utilizing unlicensed/unauthorized peer-to-peer file services that would promote copyright infringement. UIC reserves the right to monitor its computer systems, networks and storage media for compliance with this policy, at any time, without notice, and with or without cause. Additionally, the college reserves the right to delete from its computer systems and storage media, or restrict access to, any seemingly unauthorized copies of copyrighted materials it may find, at any time and without notice.

Users who violate this policy are subject to disciplinary action as appropriate under the circumstances. Such disciplinary action may include termination, expulsion and other legal actions.