

Email to ALL STUDENTS, October 31, 2013
From: UCI Student Affairs <studentaffairs@uci.edu>
Subject: Downloading and Copyright

Dear UC Irvine Students:

The Internet is an essential tool for both academic and everyday pursuits expanding and enriching our lives. Along with these benefits come challenges and responsibilities. One of the most critical is conforming to copyright laws.

Trading of copyrighted music, movies, games and software over the Internet is generally not legal. You must have the consent of the copyright holder to make copies.

There are some limited exceptions; however, these generally do not apply to copyrighted materials used for entertainment purposes. Copyrighted material includes music, videos, games, movies, text, and software.

UCI abides by the provisions of the federal Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA), which requires prompt response to claims of copyright infringement by copyright holders or their agents.

If the campus receives an allegation of copyright infringement based on your use of the UCI network via an IP address assigned to you, the matter is referred to Student Conduct in the Office of the Dean of Students for further investigation. If you are found responsible after meeting with Student Conduct, you are subject to UCI disciplinary action including, but not limited to the following:

1. loss of network access
2. suspension or dismissal from the University
3. restitution or community service

The consequences of copyright infringement extend outside of the campus. Copyright holders may seek civil liability and even criminal prosecution. Universities, including several UC campuses, have been served with subpoenas demanding the identification of individuals who are alleged to have violated copyright.

Another reason to be very careful with file sharing programs is that the installation procedures for most leave your computer in a state where other people on the Internet have access to much of the data on your hard drive, not just the music and videos. Thus, the integrity of your computer and personal information can be compromised through illegal file sharing, including making you vulnerable to "identity theft." Your computer should be configured to share only those materials you have the right to share and want to share, such as documents, photos, and music that you create.

To facilitate student access to legal sources of music on-line, UCI has created a web page listing some of the legal sources of music and video on-line.

Please review UCI computer and network policy as well as the other references included below.

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- [1] UCI Legal Music site
<http://www.vcsa.uci.edu/music/>
- [2] UCI Computer and Network Use Policy
<http://www.policies.uci.edu/adm/pols/714-18.html>
- [3] UCI Copyright Policy Resources
<http://www.oit.uci.edu/policy/copyright.html>
- [4] UCI Residential Network Services Computer Use Policy and Connection Guidelines:
Music, Movies, Software and other Copyrighted Files
<http://www.resnet.uci.edu/policy.html>
- [5] UCI Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations, and Students
http://www.dos.uci.edu/conduct/uci_policy.php