Copyright for Blackboard Quick Guide

Overview

Non-UQ copyright materials may be provided to students via Blackboard. If you intend to do this, it is essential that you observe:

- statutory and commercial licensing rules; and
- copying limits.

The following summarises the basics of making non-UQ copyright materials available in Blackboard. If you need specific help, give us a call.

We're ready to help

Contact us for a consultation

Source of material

Licensed electronic journals and databases

These are the journals and databases that are subscribed to by the Library.

Journal articles can be linked to from the publisher's website, but copies of articles must not be downloaded (e.g. in PDF format) and then made available directly from the Blackboard site.

With few exceptions e.g. Harvard Business Review - licences do not place limits on the number of links that can be provided to students. See the instructions for creating links. Your librarian will also be happy to advise or assist.

In respect of categories B and C below, wherever there is reference to quantitative limits on the content that can be supplied to students, those limits are the entire amount from a single copyright work that may be provided by whatever means (Blackboard or hardcopy) for the duration of the subject (or per semester, in the case of year-long subjects).

For example, you cannot request that a scanned book chapter available on Blackboard be taken down and replaced with another chapter from the same work. Similarly, you cannot supply a chapter through Blackboard and another chapter of the book in a hard copy reader.

Hardcopy

1. Book
One chapter or 10% of the pages of a book, whichever is the greater.

To comply with copyright law, scanned book chapters must only be made available online by linking to them through the Library's electronic reserve. Contact your librarian.

2. Journal

One article from an issue of a journal, or two or more where they are on the same topic e.g. two articles from a "special issue".

Although not compulsory, it is highly recommended that scanned hardcopy journal material be placed online through the Library’s electronic reserve rather than being placed directly on the Blackboard server.

3. Images Scanned from a published hardcopy source

Scanned images may be reproduced for use without the accompanying text e.g. pasted into a PowerPoint, unless they are separately commercially available (unlikely, but it does happen).

Images should always be sufficiently identified e.g. author, title or web address.

Images reproduced with the accompanying text on a page are not separately assessed, the relevant test relates to the use of the text e.g. a chapter or 10%, one article, etc.

4. Unpublished works

You need the permission of the copyright owner. Examples include theses and unpublished conference papers and reports.

The Internet

Material available from the open web (non-licensed) should be linked to wherever possible, but may be copied in limited quantities and made available directly from, for example, a Blackboard site. For example:

No more than 10% of the words or pages of a website - note: separately published copyright works made available through a website e.g. reports are treated as individual works and subject to the chapter or 10% rule in most cases.

Images may be used, but they must be from a legitimate site i.e. many images are posted on the web without the authority of the copyright owner and we have no right to further reproduce such images.
Other Electronic Resources

Non-web electronic resources e.g. commercial CDs, DVDs, including music, films, games and software, must not be posted to Blackboard.

Television and Radio Broadcasts

TV and radio broadcasts are routinely copied by the Library and these can be made available for teaching in a variety of way e.g. showing in class, inclusion in whole or part on DVD or CD and by being made available for viewing online through a UQ Blackboard website.

Copyright notices

Where third-party copyright material is made available by a lecturer directly from Blackboard, the lecturer placing it online must ensure it is accompanied by the Part VB statutory warning.

Where such material is linked to from the Library’s electronic reserve, the notice will automatically be generated.

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