Copyright for Course Readers Quick Guide

Overview

There are limits to what materials may be included in a hard copy course reader. The following lists key points to be aware of. If you need specific help, give us a call.

We're ready to help

Contact us for a consultation

What you can include in a hard copy course reader

1. UQ-owned copyright material - no limits.

2. 3rd-party copyright material where the express permission of the copyright has been obtained - limited by extent of permission, which must be in writing.

3. Electronic journals and databases supplied through the Library - varies according to licence conditions, but most do not permit inclusion in readers.

4. Other material – e.g. Hardcopy books, journals and newspapers, and text and images from the web. The University pays $1m annually to permit copying under a statutory licence for educational purposes.

The limits under this licence are set out below and represent the total amount that can be provided to a student for a single subject from a single source:

1. Books – one chapter or 10% of the pages, whichever is the greater.

2. Hardcopy journals and magazines, including newspapers – one article from an issue or two or more where they are on the same topic – i.e. a single sub-topic narrower than the subject breadth of the journal.

3. Material openly available on the web from non-licensed sources can be used in limited quantities:
   - 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. If in doubt, consult Tom Joyce.
   - Images where they are not separately commercially available in electronic form.