Fair Use Recommendations for Using Copyrighted Media for Educational Purposes

Please note copying copyrighted material is a violation of the US Copyright law and Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA). Review the SHC Faculty Manual (1.11.1-4 & Appendix 1-A) on the use of copyrighted material in the classroom. Also, there is a SHC LibGuide for Copyright information.

Practical Solutions: Here are some recommendations to show copyright protected videos to students.

1) Only show a small segment of a privately owned video in your class to illustrate a lesson, as part of the Fair Use laws (Title 17, Section 107, U. S. Code, Copyright.gov). Avoid showing an entire video of copyrighted material, as this constitutes as a public performance of it and is prohibited by law. Use the SHC Fair Use Checklist to determine the purpose, nature, amount, and effect of the media use for educational purposes.

2) Place your videos on course reserves for checkout by students in the Burke Memorial Library for one semester only to meet spontaneous requirements. Fill out the necessary paperwork with the library at the circulation desk for course reserves. If a student does not have a VHS or DVD player, they can check out one on a TV cart to take to a study room in the library for viewing. Meanwhile, place a request order with the purchasing librarian for the library reserves. See solution # 4.

3) Search the library’s two video databases to see if the same content is available: Films on Demand and WordCat. Films on Demand is listed on the main page of the library Website as a tab for Live Media Streaming. Students log in with their SHC credentials. Here is a direct link to Films on Demand: http://digital.films.com/Dashboard.aspx. The link for the World Catalogue is at this URL http://shclibrary.worldcat.org/

4) There is an option for the library to purchase DVD formats to include in their collection. Contact the purchasing agent for the library, to learn more about this option.