Teaching with Zoom: Copyright Q&As
Copyright Considerations When Delivering Course Content via Zoom

Videos
Q: Can I copy a DVD and upload it to eConestoga?
A: Copying an entire DVD would not meet the criteria for fair dealing and would infringe copyright in Canada. If there is a video that you want students to watch, connect with the Library to see if there is a streaming copy available. If the Library doesn’t have access to the video, we can research suitable alternatives.

Q: Can I play a DVD of a popular movie on my computer and share my screen via Zoom so that students can watch the video?
A: The exception in the Copyright Act that allows a video to be shown for educational purposes mandates that it be performed on the premises of an educational institution. Since Zoom classrooms are not on the Conestoga premises, it is not permissible to show a DVD via Zoom.

However, showing a short excerpt from a DVD via Zoom might be within fair dealing or another copyright exception. Contact James Yochem or Tessa Dueck to see if your use fits the criteria for one of the copyright exceptions. Faculty are also encouraged to explore streaming videos through the Library.

Q: Can I stream a video from one of the Library’s databases live using Zoom?
A: Many of the license agreements with vendors do not allow streaming a Library video in a third-party system. Instead, post the link to the video in eConestoga and have your students watch the video before class.

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Q: Where can I find videos that I can use for educational purposes that will be both copyright- and AODA-compliant?
A: The Library offers thousands of streaming videos, which can be shared on eConestoga by either embedding or providing a link to the video. The Library strives to ensure all streaming media collections to which it subscribes provide Closed Captioning. Faculty can search for relevant content in individual streaming video databases or use the Library Search tool and limit the format to videos.

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Q: Can anyone help me find relevant copyright- and AODA-compliant videos for my course?
A: Library staff can help faculty find subject-appropriate videos for courses. For assistance, please contact mediabooking@conestogac.on.ca, your Program Liaison, or James Yochem
Textbooks
Q. Can I use publisher material that comes from a required textbook to create interactive activities using third-party software, such as H5P?
A. Please contact your publisher for permission if you would like to use the material that accompanies a required textbook. The Bookstore has a list of publisher representatives.

Q: Are there textbooks available that I can use for virtual lessons without writing to the publisher for permission?
A: OER textbooks are resources with limited copyright restrictions and can often provide free resources for you and your students.

More information

Images
Q: Can I include images that I find online in my PowerPoint slides?
A: Images posted online are protected by copyright. The Copyright Act allows images from the internet to be used for educational purposes if they meet the following criteria:

• the copyright owner or creator posted the image
• there are no digital locks or technological protection measures (TPMs)
• there is no clearly visible notice prohibiting educational use

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Q: Where can I find images that I can use?
A: There are some free online image sources (e.g. Flickr Creative Commons), as well as image databases (e.g. Britannica ImageQuest)

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