

## COPYRIGHT COMPLIANCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING AT WABASH COLLEGE

### Policy Statement

All members of the Wabash community are expected to comply with [U.S. Copyright Law, Title 17 of the United States Code](#), and to respect the intellectual property rights of others. Those who disregard the copyright compliance guidelines of the College place themselves at risk for possible legal action and may incur personal liability. Use of Wabash College information resources or information technologies that results in copyright infringement is prohibited. Employees of the College who direct or require others to copy or distribute copyrighted material in any format including, but not limited to books, movies, music, paintings, photographs, and software, have a responsibility to discourage copyright infringement, and to inform those copying or distributing copyrighted material to do so in compliance with U.S. Copyright Law.

### Purpose

As a private, independent, four year Liberal Arts institution that “educates men to think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively, and live humanely,” Wabash College recognizes the importance of intellectual property to the creation and dissemination of knowledge. In fulfilling its ethical and legal obligations, the College strives to comply with copyright laws, regulations and agreements in the responsible use of information for teaching, learning or administration of the College. To that end the College seeks to provide a balance between the need to easily access and use information for scholarship and the right of the owners of the information to exercise reasonable control of its use.

The purpose of this policy is to promote use of copyrighted works in compliance with [U.S. Copyright Law, Title 17 of the United States Code](#), to protect the intellectual property rights of copyright holders, and to provide “fair use” guidelines and procedures for obtaining copyright permission when needed. This policy is not offered as a substitute for legal counsel in copyright-related issues. Rather it references generally accepted interpretations of copyright compliance and offers guidelines for appropriate use of copyrighted material at Wabash. The College Copyright Officer, John Lamborn, may be able to assist you further. He may be contacted via [email](#) or at extension 6081.

### Scope and Application

This policy applies to anyone involved in the use, on behalf of the College or in connection with the College, of material for which a person or entity other than the College owns the exclusive rights under [U.S. Copyright Law, Title 17 of the United States Code](#).

This policy applies to all authorized users of the College’s information resources and technologies, as well as contractors and volunteers involved in the production of the College’s teaching or marketing materials. This policy is not intended to limit use by the community of material for which the College owns copyright.

### Related Policies

[Copyright Notice](#)

[Faculty Handbook](#) (pp 55 -61)

[Gentlemen’s Rule & Computers](#)