

POLICY
COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS POLICY AND INFRINGEMENT

Unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material including peer-to-peer file sharing and the unauthorized use of the Institution's information and its technology systems may subject a student to civil and criminal liabilities and penalties of federal copyright laws.

Students engaging in unauthorized use of copyrighted materials, including peer-to-peer file sharing, illegal downloading or unauthorized distribution of copyrighted materials using the school's information technology system may face termination from the institution. In addition, the student may face criminal penalties as summarized below. This is not all-inclusive, and the student needs to be aware of the severe sanction because of violating these policies.

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