



Policy Name	Copyright
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CONTEXT AND PURPOSE

Vancouver Community College (VCC; the College) is in compliance with the provisions of the *Copyright Act of Canada* and is committed to the fair and ethical use of copyrighted materials at the College. VCC supports the right of Indigenous peoples to maintain, control, protect, and develop Indigenous knowledge as outlined in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

DEFINITIONS

Copyright: The sole right of the copyright owner of a work to produce, copy, perform, publish, adapt, translate or telecommunicate that work and to authorize others to do the same.

Copyright Act of Canada: The Federal legislation that governs all matters related to copyright.

Copyright Cooperative: An organization that represents creators and licenses the use of their work.

Copyright Coordinator: A librarian at the College with expertise on copyright matters, who maintains copyright information, obtains copyright permissions where required, and who provides copyright information, guidance, and workshops.

Fair Dealing: The provision in the Copyright Act that allows limited copying and communicating of a work for the purposes of research, private study, education, criticism, review, news reporting, satire, and parody.

License agreement: A contract which outlines how licensed materials may be used.

SCOPE AND LIMITS

This policy applies to all employees and students at VCC and is subject to applicable federal and international laws and to licensing agreements.

POLICY PRINCIPLES

1. All College employees and students are responsible for using copyright protected works in accordance with the *Copyright Act* and within the terms of negotiated license agreements.
2. With regard to the respectful use and protection of Indigenous knowledge and intellectual property, College employees and students will follow the guidance of the

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), Article 31 (Appendix A).

3. It is the responsibility of each individual to be familiar with the College Copyright Policy, *Copyright Act* and *Fair Dealing Guidelines*.
4. The College maintains a Copyright Coordinator position in the Library and appropriate resources to provide copyright information through the Library website and to support the College in copyright compliance.
5. College employees and students may reproduce and use copyright protected works for educational purposes where the *Copyright Act*, *Fair Dealing Guidelines* and/or license agreements permit such use.
6. When reproduction or use of materials for instructional purposes is not permitted under the above, permission must be sought through the Copyright Coordinator.

RELATED RESOURCES

Legislation

Copyright Act, RSC 1985, c C-42 <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/c-42/>

[United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples \(UNDRIP\)](#)

VCC Policies and Procedures

D.1.3 Copyright Procedures

D.1.4 Curriculum/Educational/Institutional Material Created within the College

APPENDIX A

United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Article 31

1. Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain, control, protect and develop their cultural heritage, traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions, as well as the manifestations of their sciences, technologies and cultures, including human and genetic resources, seeds, medicines, knowledge of the properties of fauna and flora, oral traditions, literatures, designs, sports and traditional games and visual and performing arts. They also have the right to maintain, control, protect and develop their intellectual property over such cultural heritage, traditional knowledge, and traditional cultural expressions.
2. In conjunction with Indigenous peoples, States shall take effective measures to recognize and protect the exercise of these rights.