

Washington Adventist University Copyright Policies

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1. Copyright is one of several intellectual property rights afforded to authors and inventors under Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.
2. The copyright laws of the United States are codified in Title 17 of the U.S. Code and include the *Copyright Act of 1976*.
3. All students and employees of Washington Adventist University are expected to obey the copyright laws of the United States and adhere to the copyright policies of the university.
4. The copyright laws provide copyright owners with exclusive rights, including the right to reproduce their copyrighted works; create derivatives of their works; distribute copies of their works; publicly perform or display their works; and digitally transmit their works.
5. The copyright laws also limit the exclusive rights of copyright owners and permit others to make “fair use” of copyrighted works for purposes such as criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching, scholarship, or research.
6. Students and employees of Washington Adventist University may not use copyrighted works in manners that are unauthorized by copyright law and inconsistent with fair use.
7. Students and employees of Washington Adventist University are prohibited from using the institution’s information technology systems, including photocopiers, computers, and networks, for the unauthorized reproduction or distribution of copyrighted materials.
8. Students and employees of Washington Adventist University are prohibited from using the institution’s information technology systems, including devices, computers, and networks, to illegally download or upload copyrighted materials to file sharing networks, social media websites, or other online platforms.
9. Any student that engages in the illegal reproduction or distribution of copyrighted works while enrolled at the university may be subject to the disciplinary actions described in the *Student Handbook*, including warning, probation, suspension, and expulsion.
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