

SCREENRIGHTS AND I LECTURES CONTAINING AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIAL

Using off-air broadcast AV material in iLectures

Murdoch University, under provision of the Copyright Act, participates in the **Screenrights** licensing scheme by which you may copy and communicate a broadcast transmission taken off-air from radio, TV, cable, or satellite. Copies of these broadcasts may be used and recorded in iLectures without infringing the copyright owners' rights.

Alternatives to recording off-air

If you do not have an off-air recording of the material you want to use, there are several ways in which you may be able to find such a recording.

- [enhanceTV](#) is a website run by Screenrights which offers a catalogue of over 40,000 off-air recordings of feature films, documentaries, serials, and so on. For a relatively low fee you can buy a Screenrights licensed recording which may be used in all the same ways as an off-air broadcast.
- Another university or educational institution may hold a Screenrights copy of the material you want. Although we may not borrow their recording, under the Screenrights licence, the other institution may duplicate a copy for us, at a cost-recovery fee. The Library can help you to identify where this material is held, and to make a request for it to be copied,
- Audio-Visual Services on campus can make off-air broadcast recordings if you book in advance, and they can also duplicate already recorded broadcast material if you have a personal copy. Please contact Stephen Daymond on 9360.2314 or at S.Daymond@murdoch.edu.au.

Statutory requirements for Screenrights copies

- The recording of an off-air broadcast (i.e. a Screenrights copy) must be labelled with a statement that the copy has been made for Murdoch University under Part VA of the Copyright Act, and with the date of transmission, and the date on which the copy was made (if it differs from the date of transmission).

Whilst the format suggested below goes beyond those requirements, it may provide useful referencing information.

Copy made for Murdoch University under Part VA of the Copyright Act
title of programme:
channel on which programme was broadcast:
date programme was broadcast:
date this copy was made:

- Screenrights recordings must be kept on campus.
- If you record a broadcast at home and want to retain that copy for personal use, you may make, or have made, a duplicate (with appropriate labelling as above) which then becomes the Screenrights licensed copy for educational purposes.
- If your iLecture includes any part of a commercially produced or hired AV item you must keep written documentation of the copyright owners' statement granting permission for its communication (n.b. emails qualify as 'written documentation').

Using commercially purchased or hired AV material in iLectures

The Screenrights licence does **not** cover the copying or communication of commercially purchased or hired videos/DVDs or sound recordings, which are protected by a number of copyright restrictions. This needs to be taken into consideration when preparing lectures that are to be recorded.

Whilst some recording technologies, e.g. MP3s, allow the sound to be turned off when playing copyright protected AV material – so that it is not recorded – it is important to note that the recording technology used for iLectures does not allow this. Once recording has started it cannot be stopped in order to avoid copying protected material.

Whilst you may *play* commercially purchased or hired items in a lecture (subject to any contract you may have with the vendor/hirer), if you want to have that lecture *recorded* you are responsible for:

- a) obtaining the copyright owners' permission – as well as observing their conditions of use and meeting any payments – to record and communicate their material; or
- b) using a technology that enables you to avoid recording the commercial item, e.g. an MP3 recorder.

Recording or copying commercially produced or hired AV materials without the copyright owners' permission is an infringement of copyright legislation.

NB: the AVS form, 'Request for Recording', requires you to state if a Screenrights copy or any other copyright protected materials, including commercially produced or hired AV material, is to be recorded during your iLecture.

For more information on this topic, please see:

[Copying Off-Air Radio, Satellite, Cable, and Television Broadcasts](#)

And the Screenrights websites:

www.screen.org and www.enhancetv.com.au

For further advice on this or other copyright matters, please contact the Copyright Coordinator on 9360.7491 or at copyright@murdoch.edu.au