

COPYRIGHT LAW INFRINGEMENT:

One of the purposes of copyright law is to encourage creative work, by giving creators exclusive rights to distribute their own work. The college expects all users to comply with copyright law.

- **Art Academy Policy on File Sharing:**

The Art Academy wants you to be aware that sharing music, videos, software, and other copyrighted materials using Peer-to-Peer (P2P) applications over the network exposes you and those with whom you share files to legal action, as well as sanctions from the Art Academy as listed in our Student Conduct Processes and Procedures. The Art Academy expressly prohibits any member of our community from using its networks to download or distribute copyrighted audio, visual, or software files.

- **Peer-to-Peer (P2P):**

File-sharing software allows you to search the Internet for music and video files and download them to your computer. The majority of the files downloaded using these file-sharing applications, usually music and video files, are copyrighted. Assume that these files are protected by copyright. By downloading such files you could be breaking Federal and International copyright laws and violating the Art Academy's acceptable use policy.

- **Penalties:**

The liability of students who engage in unlawful file sharing of copyrighted works (including recordings, musical works, movies, television programs, software, video games, and

photographs) on the Art Academy's networks is substantial. Copyright law provides for damages ranging from a minimum of \$750 to a maximum of \$30,000 per work, with an increase to \$150,000 for willful copyright infringement. Additionally, penalties for violating copyright law are applied in line with the AAC Student Conduct Policies and Procedures.

- **College Liability:**

Colleges and universities generally do not have a legal duty to control students' private conduct. The Art Academy is considered a service provider. The Art Academy could face liability claims if students use and distribute copyrighted works illegally.

For additional information, please see the web site of the US Copyright Office:
www.copyright.gov.