

Policy 2010: Prohibited Use of GMC Technology for Copyright Infringement

Policy Statement:

The unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material, including unauthorized peer-to-peer (P2P) file sharing is prohibited.

Copyright Infringement Defined:

Copyright infringement is the act of exercising, without permission or legal authority, one or more of the exclusive rights granted to the copyright owner under section 106 of the Copyright Act (Title 17 of the United States Code).

Copyright owner exclusive rights include the right to reproduce or distribute a copyrighted work.

In the file-sharing context, downloading or uploading substantial parts of a copyrighted work without authority constitutes an infringement.

Peer-to-peer (P2P) file sharing software facilitates the transfer of files from one hard drive to another. Use of P2P software places users in jeopardy of violating copyright law.

Warning:

Individual violators may be subject to institutional penalties, civil and criminal liabilities, and may potentially be held accountable for fines levied against the institution.

Institutional penalties may include disciplinary action up to and including termination for employees and expulsion from the college for students.

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