

Copyright Tip #1

Placing Copyrighted Articles on a Web Site

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Posting the fulltext (PDF, HTML, Word) of an article to a web site.

Only authors of a journal article who have kept the right to post the full text of a published article on a web site may do so unless the in-class discussion exception or the fair use defense apply. (See UC Davis Policy & Procedure Manual 250-01: <http://manuals.ucdavis.edu/ppm/250/250-01.htm> and 250-03: <http://manuals.ucdavis.edu/ppm/250/250-03.htm>).

As an alternative, post the article's URL. Use the "Copy and Paste Citation" feature on UC-eLinks to generate a persistent link to the article for the safest way to make your articles accessible:

1. Use one of the article databases (e.g. PubMed, PsycINFO, ERIC), to locate the citation for the desired online article.
2. Select the yellow or blue UC-eLinks button associated with the desired full-text/PDF article.
3. Within the UC-eLinks menu of choices, select "Copy and Paste Citation and Full-Text Link to Your Document."
4. A screen will appear with a citation for the article and a URL that can be used to link to the article.
5. Copy the URL and paste it onto your page as a persistent hyperlink to the PDF version of the article.
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1. This is possible if in-class use or the fair use exception applies. See UC Davis Policy & Procedure Manual 250-01 and 250-03 for more information.
2. For use on a course web site, all of the following conditions apply:
 - a.) The web page that includes the scanned PDF article must be limited to only officially enrolled students.
 - b.) If used under the in-class exception or fair use, it must be removed after the class ends and according to campus policy the following must be done:

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Seeking use permission for copyrighted articles.

Many publishers require an author to relinquish use rights and copyright ownership to one's article as a condition of publishing. Some publishers will allow unrestricted use of the article; others will allow use of certain versions of the article.

To identify the policies of publishers, go to <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo.php>. If the publisher is not listed at this site, contact the publisher directly.

Options to retain control over the use of one's authored journal articles.

1. Modify the journal publisher's copyright conditions to reflect uses that allow free sharing with colleagues and students to support research and teaching efforts.

See http://osc.universityofcalifornia.edu/manage/retain_copyrights.html for examples.

2. Consider adding articles, for which one retained use rights, to UC eScholarship Postprints.

For more information, consult http://escholarship.org/publish_postprints.html

3. Consider placing journals, books, conference proceedings, working papers, etc. in the University of California's eScholarship Repository. The UC eScholarship Repository allows seamless distribution to colleagues.

See http://escholarship.org/publish_overview.html

Looking for information describing copyright policies and resources for UC Davis individuals.

Consult:

1. UC Copyright web site: <http://research.ucdavis.edu/pgc/ipm/copyright>
2. UC Davis General Library web site, Copyright & Intellectual Property:
<http://www.lib.ucdavis.edu/ul/about/copyip/>

FOR ASSISTANCE:

Subscribe to the copyright-info listserv:

<http://research.ucdavis.edu/r/l/>

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<http://www.lib.ucdavis.edu/ul/about/policies/cprtplcy.php>