

Guidelines for Posting Material on Blackboard When Not Part of Mediated Instruction

Faculty can post material on Blackboard if:

- (1) the instructor is the copyright owner,
- (2) the instructor has permission from the copyright owner,
- (3) the material is in the public domain, or
- (4) use is "fair use" under the law.

When possible, instructors should link to copyrighted materials rather than posting them.

While the doctrine of fair use does not apply to unprotected internet sites, it can be applied to password protected course management sites such as Blackboard.

When posting copyrighted material without permission, instructors should remember to consider all four fair use factors including effect on market value.

Use should be spontaneous, and limited to one time.

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