

# Using Film or Video in Your Course



**Start**

## Identify the best material to meet your course goals.

Consult with your department's liaison librarian or an instructional designer.

## Will you be sharing video online or during a face-to-face class session?

Copyright law treats these a little differently

## Face-to-face

## Are you using a DVD or VHS copy owned by you or BSU?

**YES**

## Go for it!

Copyright law explicitly allows screening legally obtained copies in face-to-face classes.

**NO**

## Is it already available online (legally)?

**Kanopy:** The Libraries subscribe to Kanopy ([bsu.kanopy.com](http://bsu.kanopy.com)). You can use these films in class and embed them in your course website.

**YouTube & other sources:** Troves of video content are available through YouTube, PBS, Internet Archive, etc. Especially if you want to share a whole film, you should look carefully to see that it was uploaded by the copyright holder.

**YES**

## Link to it!

Fair use allows all of us to share links to copyrighted web content.

**NO**

## Can you use clips or short portions of the film or video to meet your course goals?

**NO**

## Evaluate fair use or get permission

Copying an entire film or video to stream to enrolled students may constitute fair use in limited instances. When in doubt, seek permission from the copyright holder.

Learn more at:

[bsu.libguides.com/classroomcopyright](http://bsu.libguides.com/classroomcopyright)

**YES**

## This is usually OK

Copyright law provisions like fair use and the TEACH Act (for distance education) leave flexibility for educators to make and share clips via a password-protected system like Canvas or Mediasite.

**Online**

## Be cautious

**YouTube:** Millions of videos are posted legally on YouTube by their creators. Especially if you want to share a whole film, you should look carefully to see that it was uploaded by the copyright holder.

**Streaming Services:** There is some disagreement about whether or not instructors may stream content from Netflix or Amazon during class. Instructors should be aware that the terms of use may not allow this. If possible, use a DVD!

**Need help making film or video clips available? Go to:**  
[bsu.edu/helpdesk](http://bsu.edu/helpdesk) → Request Services → Compliance & Security → Streaming Media Request