

Copyright Policy

Purpose The purpose of this policy is to establish Bridgewater State University's policy on copyright ownership and define the administrative procedures for implementing and enforcing the policy.

Policy Statement Bridgewater State University requires all users of the university network to comply with all state and federal laws, including copyright laws. Members of the BSU Community have access to the fundamentals of copyright law and a guide to copyright information at the [United States Copyright Office Web page](#).

Applies to This policy applies to all members of the Bridgewater State University community. This policy does not supersede any existing University policy.

Responsibilities Everyone using the Bridgewater State University network must comply with the [Digital Millenium Copyright Act, Title II, Section 512\(c\)\(3\)](#).

Notification of Claimed Infringement Under The Digital Millennium Copyright Act:

If any owners of copyrights believe a member of the BSU community is infringing copyright protected work, they may send a notice to BSU's designated agent. The University's agent is registered with the U.S. Copyright Office, and the listing of agents is available on-line at http://www.copyright.gov/onlinesp/list/b_agents.html. The University's agent is:

c/o Patrick Cronin
Claimed Copyright Infringement
Bridgewater State University
131 Summer St, Bridgewater, MA 02325
(tel) 508. 531.1236
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Notifications of claimed infringement must contain the information required by and otherwise comply with the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, Title II, Section 512(c)

The Information Technology Division at BSU will investigate allegations of copyright infringement and notify Academic Affairs of all valid notifications of claimed infringement received by BSU for appropriate action.

The agent, in consultation with the Chief Information Officer (CIO), will make the determinations regarding responses to complaints alleging copyright infringement, including whether the institution wishes to use the DMCA

procedures and whether a notice received is sufficient under the law.

Sanctions BSU reserves the right to choose how to address or respond to any allegation of copyright infringement received including, without limitation, the choice of any defense under applicable law. Details on how BSU responds to allegations of on-line infringement of copyright, posted online at <https://my.bridgew.edu/departments/it/Shared%20Documents/Policies/DMCA.pdf>.

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