

Notice Concerning Copyright Infringement and Peer-to-Peer File Sharing

NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS:

This is a reminder that unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material by any means including peer-to-peer file sharing is against Berea College policy. Downloading or sharing copyrighted materials such as music and movies without the owner's permission is a violation of Federal copyright law and a violation of Berea College's Computer and Network Policy. We are required by law to provide this notice to you each year.

Copyright violations may result in College disciplinary action and even criminal prosecution. Per the requirements of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA), when copyright holders or industry groups like the Recording Industry Association of America contact the College about specific incidents of infringement, the College must respond by removing or disabling access to the infringing material. Per College policy disciplinary action may include loss of network access privileges or even dismissal, and the College will cooperate fully with any criminal investigation.

For more information, check out the following resources:

- [Berea College Computer and Network Policy](#)
- [Berea College Student Handbook](#)
- [DMCA information](#)
- [Peer-to-peer file sharing copyright issues](#)

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