A quick guide about Copyright for students at Queen’s

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What is Copyright?

And why is it so important?

So let’s start…

Making copies of someone else’s work without permission isn’t right

You need an image or audio clip for a presentation. What do you do?

You find one and download it… but do you have permission?... and who owns this digital content?

This video will help you understand the concept of copyright

When you create digital content you have to be mindful of copyright laws

What are these laws? And, what kind of content can you use in your digital creations?

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Well, have you ever heard of Creative Commons (CC)?

We have created a diagram to help explain. It’s up next…

*(image)*

Yes, there are a lot of them, but you don’t need to learn them off

We will give you a copy after the video that you can download

Ok then, what types of licenses are there?

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There are ones in the Public Domain

They are free to use with no copyright consequences

All the rest are based on attribution, where you attribute the source

Attribution = CC By, you attribute the digital content you use

There are licenses that allow you to Share Alike. This is CC By SA

And licenses that don’t allow you to change or modify the work. This is CC By ND (ND means No Derivatives)

With CC By NC licenses, you cannot use the content for commercial purposes (NC means Non-Commercial)

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Still with me…? Don’t worry, we are nearly there…

The last two licenses add on the restrictions we have just explained

CC By NC-SA can be shared alike but cannot be for monetary gain

CC By NC-ND is the most restrictive licence

It includes a non-commercial stipulation and no changes or modifications are allowed to the digital content

So, the spirit of Creative Commons is sharing knowledge and access that is open to anyone who wishes to seek it out

You can even add your own work to Creative Commons

Say if you’re a photographer or musician who wants to let people use your work

So really, it’s not that hard to keep yourself right when using other people’s work

It is important to develop good habits around how you find the different media you use and get to know the CC licenses

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And to quickly note… you can attribute public domain media too. It is polite to do so!

We also have some handy tips to search for copyright free content

Check out the resources we have for you about Copyright and Creative Commons now

If you have any questions, check out the Digital Discovery Skills Hub at Queen’s

Thank you