

# Copyright Infringement

## *Policies and Sanctions*

### Introduction

Delta Tech is committed to respecting the rights of copyright holders and complying with copyright law. Copyright infringement is a violation of federal law and may lead to disciplinary action and may subject students or employees to civil and criminal penalties and sanctions. For more information on U.S. copyright law and the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, consult the Web site of the [U.S. Copyright Office](http://www.copyright.gov).

This policy provides that each individual user of the Delta Tech network is responsible for using electronic materials in accordance with copyright and licensing restrictions, and it prohibits users from using the Delta Tech networks to violate copyright laws and from distributing or copying proprietary files without proper authorization. This policy includes any written or electronic data such as books, magazines, audio, video and data files.

### Plans to “Effectively Combat” the Unauthorized Distribution of Copyrighted Material

1. limit the amount of bandwidth available to P2P application
2. occasionally monitor traffic

### Alternatives to Illegal File Sharing

<http://hulu.com>

<http://www.pandora.com>

<http://www.SHOUTcast.com>

<http://www.riaa.com>

<http://www.campusdownloading.com/legal.htm>

### Consequences of Violating the Copyright Law

#### **Disciplinary Action by Delta Tech:**

Copyright infringement can subject a student to disciplinary action, since violation of law or College policy is grounds for discipline. First offenses will result in a notice from Information Technology Services to cease illegal activity. Failure to comply or further incidents of infringement may result in referral to the Dean's Office and loss of network access for the infringing computer. Sanctions may include suspension of network access and formal college disciplinary action. Delta Tech may impose other sanctions at its discretion.

**Legal Action:**

- Infringer pays the actual dollar amount of damages and profits.
- The law provides a range from \$200 to \$150,000 for each item infringed.
- Infringer pays for all attorneys' fees and court costs.
- The court can issue an injunction to stop the infringing acts.
- The court can impound the illegal works.
- The infringer can go to jail.