

Jagiellonian University Medical College (“JUMC”) Policies and Sanctions Regarding Copyright Infringement

All use of JUMC technology and information resources by a user is conditioned upon such user agreeing to be bound by this policy and by JUMC’s Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources Policy and Information Technology Resources Policy for Library Users.

By enrolling at JUMC, each enrollee agrees that use of JUMC electronic technology in violation of copyright laws is considered abuse of computer time. Violation or non-compliance of these standards and/or policies will be addressed in accordance with established university disciplinary policies and procedures as set forth in the Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources Policy.

Legal Liability

Copyright infringement is the act of exercising, without permission or legal authority, one or more of the exclusive rights granted to the copyright owner under section 106 of the Copyright Act (Title 17 of the United States Code). These rights include the right to reproduce or distribute a copyrighted work. In the file-sharing context, downloading or uploading substantial parts of a copyrighted work without authority constitutes an infringement. Copyright infringement, as described above, is also a violation of the Polish Copyright Law of February 4, 1994.

Penalties for copyright infringement under both United States and Polish law may include civil and criminal penalties. In general, anyone found liable for civil copyright infringement subject to the laws of the United States may be ordered to pay either actual damages or “statutory” damages affixed at not less than \$750 and not more than \$30,000 per work infringed. For “willful” infringement, a court may award up to \$150,000 per work infringed. A court can, in its discretion, also assess costs and attorneys’ fees. For details, see Title 17, United States Code, Sections 504, 505. Willful copyright infringement can also result in criminal penalties, including imprisonment of up to five years and fines of up to \$250,000 per offense.

For more information, please see the web site of the U.S. Copyright Office at www.copyright.gov, especially their FAQ’s at www.copyright.gov/help/faq.
Technical Deterrents

JUMC utilizes or may in the future use technical methodologies, such as band width shaping and blocking of peer-to-peer technologies on the student residence hall network, to deter illegal peer-to-peer activity. This technological measures may be implemented without further notice to students.