

3.10.2 Copyright Issues – Video and Other Multimedia Resources

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Students of Wartburg Theological Seminary will adhere to all copyright rules and regulations in and outside of the classroom and seminary facilities.

Students are to be aware that “pre-recorded videos, whether purchased or rented, are [generally labeled] for home/private use only. Private showings are for a ‘normal circle of family and its social acquaintances.’” This would cover viewing of videos in your living quarters.

“All other showings of home videos – such as at church [or in a common area of the seminary] – are deemed ‘public’ and ‘subject to copyright control.’ Students cannot show ‘home/private use only’ videos at group meetings, youth group gatherings, exercise meetings, or at fellowship sessions.

“The only exception [to ‘home/private use only’] is under certain, narrowly defined instances, referred to as ‘face-to-face teaching activities,’ which applies to full-time, non-profit, academic institutions only. Because of this full-time, non-profit status requirement, Sunday schools and daycare centers do not qualify,” but classroom use at Wartburg Theological Seminary would apply.

For more information visit the Motion Picture Licensing Corp. web site at <http://www.mplc.org>.

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