

# COPYRIGHT PROTECTIONS AND WEB OF RIGHTS

**OBJECTIVE: To allow our affiliated users (i.e., faculty, residents, staff, students) the ability to re-use published content for educational and research purposes without undue worry about risks and permissions.**

All UT Southwestern Medical Center campus institutional affiliated users – e.g., faculty, residents, fellows, staff, students – are protected by a **“web of rights”** to manage and mitigate copyright infringement risk.

Our “web of rights” include the following four protections to allow re-use of published full-text content for purposes of teaching, research collaboration, and scholarly sharing:

1. UTSW Library institutional license agreements – numerous annual paid subscriptions paid by UTSW with terms of use provisions for re-use of published content
2. UT System CCC Academic Copyright License – annual copyright license paid by UT System with protections for re-use of published content
3. Fair use provisions under U. S. Copyright Act – federal protections guaranteeing re-use of content for education and research purposes
4. Open access – freely available content with no permission or citation requirements

These four protections overlap in numerous ways and allow our affiliated users the ability to download, reproduce, and use content in their educational and research settings. It does not usually matter where the content resides as long as at least one of the four protections under our “web of rights” applies.

Listed below are specific explanations for re-use of images and re-use of content within coursepacks:

## **Image (photograph, illustration, graph, chart, etc)**

1. When an image is included in a published work, then it can be re-used within the context of the published work with publisher citation directly below the image. A direct link to the URL webpage where the image is located within a published work is always the preferred option, but not mandatory, so long as proper publisher citation is included for the image.
2. When a “3<sup>rd</sup> party” image – i.e., an image where the original author required the publisher to procure special permission to re-use the image within the published work and author credits are included directly on the image – is included in a published work, then the 3<sup>rd</sup> party image can be re-used within the context of the published work with proper citation for the published work plus author credits directly on or below the image. *Exception: When a 3<sup>rd</sup> party image is to be re-used completely separate and outside the context of the published work, then permission must be obtained from the original author of the 3<sup>rd</sup> party image, including any associated fees.*

## **Coursepack (i.e. within a syllabus)**

1. Providing a direct URL link to individual ebook chapters and/or individual journal articles located within a specific published work is always the preferred method.
2. Downloading individual chapters or individual journal articles as PDFs and linking to those PDFs within online coursepacks is acceptable, so long as “limited or reasonable amounts” of content are re-used (i.e., one cannot download entire ebooks or ejournals).
3. Printing out individual chapters or individual journal articles to include in printed coursepacks is acceptable, so long as “limited or reasonable amounts” of content are re-used (i.e., one cannot print out entire ebooks or ejournals).

**IMPORTANT NOTE: For best practices, always give credit where credit is due for all content (text or images) by including proper citations and credits for publishers and 3<sup>rd</sup> party authors.**