

## **Statement Regarding Student Recording of Lectures for Personal Use**

The fair dealings section of the Copyright Act allows for the recording of lectures by students provided that it is for their own private/personal study. Sharing of the recording or dissemination of any kind is not permitted without the express written permission of the instructor. Cases of breaches may be brought to the attention of the Dean, the Provost or Legal Counsel, and an academic misconduct complaint filed through Bylaw 31. Instructors may wish to contact the Academic Integrity Office for support relating to the filing of an academic misconduct complaint.

Instructors are encouraged to include the following statement about the recording of lectures on the course syllabus to ensure that students understand the regulations and limitations surrounding the recording of lectures.

### *Syllabus Statement:*

All students may record lectures, provided that the recording is for their own personal study use. Recordings are intended to permit lecture content review so as to enhance understanding of the topics presented. Recordings are not substitutes for attending class.

Regulations and limits surrounding recording of lectures are covered in the fair dealings section of the Federal Copyright Act. The Copyright Act and copyright law protect every original literary, dramatic, musical and artistic work, including lectures by University instructors. It is therefore stressed that the material recorded still belongs to the instructor, and can only be used for personal study in the course in question. Students who record lectures may not share, distribute, email or otherwise communicate or disseminate these materials unless written consent from the instructor has first been obtained.

If a student shares or disseminates a recorded lecture in any way (including transcriptions), thereby breaching copyright legislation, the student will be subject to University misconduct policies, at minimum, and may be subject to other legal action.