The University of Portland

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER
5000 NORTH WILLAMETTE BOULEVARD
PORTLAND, OREGON 97203-5798
(503) 943-7540

PEER-TO-PEER POLICY

Approved by the Officers of the University on November 14, 2004

1. Scope: The purpose of this policy is to articulate the University of Portland's position involving any Peer-to-Peer application that promotes copyright infringement or the illegal sharing of copyrighted files without permission of the owner or distributor. This policy applies to all University students, faculty, and staff, as well as all other users of University computing and network facilities, or those who have contracted for access to such facilities.

2. Policy: Open access to University computing and network facilities is a privilege granted by the University to authorized users and may be administratively suspended with or without notice when, in the University's judgment, continued use of University resources may interfere with the work of others, place the University or others at risk, or violate federal, state or local laws or University policy. No use of illegal Peer-to-Peer file sharing applications shall be allowed on any University computers, shall be used on University networks, or utilize any other University resources. For purposes of this document, Peer-to-Peer applications include file-sharing programs designed to share large files, such as music and movies, among client computers anonymously. Any Peer-to-Peer client must transmit downloaded material unencrypted. Encrypted transmissions will be considered to be in violation of the University's policy and will be blocked from use. Although such applications can be used for legitimate purposes that do not violate copyright laws, they are often used to transmit copyrighted works without the permission of the owner or distributor and they make very heavy use of the University's network resources to the possible detriment of others. It is against University policy to download and/or distribute copyright-protected material.

3. Exception: Peer-to-Peer technologies have many legitimate uses. Exceptions for academic and/or University business reasons may be authorized only by the dean or department head, which shall provide prior written notice of such authorization to the Chief Information Officer.

4. Sanctions: Accounts and network access may be administratively suspended by the University with or without notice when, in the University's judgment, continued use of the University's resources may interfere with the work of others, place the University or others at risk, or violate University policy. Any violation of this policy by a student may lead to disciplinary charges under the appropriate student disciplinary policy, which may include expulsion or suspension of student status. Faculty and staff violations will be addressed by their respective disciplinary policies and procedures. All known and/or suspected violations must be reported to the Chief Information Officer, who will investigate all such allegations of misuse with the assistance of Public Safety, Human Resources, Residence Life, and/or the appropriate office of the University. Penalties for faculty/staff violators may include: Suspension or termination of access to computer and/or network resources; disabling all computer and/or network services; suspension or termination of employment; and/or criminal and/or civil prosecution. Users of University computing facilities are subject not only to University policies, but also to applicable local, state, and federal laws.