

Legal Alternatives to File Sharing

Pima Medical Institute is committed to routinely reviewing and issuing a list of services that outline a list of alternatives that are legal and affordable when listening to, viewing, or purchasing copyrighted materials. Please refer to [Educause's](#) website for a comprehensive list of alternatives that are legal.

Legal Alternatives for music:

- Amazon
- iTunes
- Spotify Free (Free options)

Legal Alternatives for TV shows and movies:

- Amazon Prime Video
- Netflix
- Hulu
- Sling
- Crackle (Free watchlist options)

Legal Alternatives for other Educational resources:

These resources are content that is part of the Public Domain. Public Domain refers to works that can be used freely, without requiring permission from the copyright owner. For more information regarding Public Domain please visit this website.

- Project Gutenberg- library access to free eBooks
- LibriVox- public domain access to free audiobooks

Legal Alternatives for images:

- Public domain images via Wikimedia Commons (Free)
- Creative Commons
- iStockPhoto
- Shutterstock

Copyright law includes a principle called “fair use”. The “Fair Use” rules provide guidelines that protect from copyright infringement when a work is being used in a limited way, for educational purposes. It can often be considered legal to use images in an academic setting (i.e., on course materials or within a learning management system), especially when the “one-time/one-semester” use of an image is followed. For more information on Fair Use refer to [this resource](#).

For more information on guidance regarding the ethical and legal use of academic software, please refer to this information from [Educause](#). For additional information on Pima Medical Institute’s Copyright Policies, please reference [this document](#). If you have questions about this guidance please reach out to Pima Medical Institute’s Education Department.

Reference Links:

<https://www.copyrightlaws.com/legally-using-images/>

<https://www.copyrightlaws.com/what-is-the-public-domain/>

<https://www.educause.edu/focus-areas-and-initiatives/policy-and-security/educause-policy/legal-sources-online>

<https://www.educause.edu/ir/library/html/code.html>

<https://www.lib.uchicago.edu/copyrightinfo/fairuse.html>

<https://librivox.org/>

<https://www.motionpictures.org/watch-it-legally/>

<https://www.searchenginejournal.com/using-images-legally-online-guide/319403/#close>

<https://whymusicmatters.com/>