

Movie Policy (Non-Instructional Use of Audiovisual Material)

It is the responsibility of the individual or group showing a feature film or audiovisual item to ensure proper legal permissions are in place prior to the showing. It is important that any group screening a feature film as part of its activities ensure that it is doing so legally.

As a general principle, where a film, TV show, or other audiovisual material is shown in a public setting on campus - even in a classroom - a licence will be required unless the showing is for education or training purposes. Students at Western and the affiliated university colleges are covered for screening feature films by the agreement currently in place with the USC and the two film distributors:

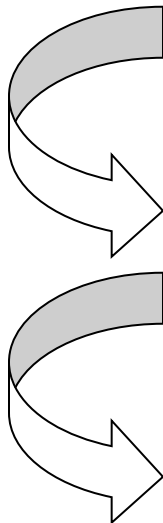
Criterion: www.criterionpic.com

Audio Cine Films Inc: www.acf-film.com

If the film or TV show you want to show is not licensed through either of these companies, it is your responsibility to obtain a license and provide this documentation with your room booking request. A viewing space will not be provided on campus without this proof.

The law in this area is complex, and has evolved with changes to the Copyright Act. There may be instances where the screening of audiovisual material is allowable under the provisions of 'fair dealing'. The [FAQ, prepared by the University of Toronto](#), answers some of the questions around screening films by students and other groups on campus.

If you plan to show a film, TV show, or other audiovisual item:



1. Check the Criterion and ACF websites to see if the item is licensed by one of these companies.

2. If yes: contact Bookings@kings.uwo.ca to book a room. In your booking request identify which company distributes the movie or item.

3. If you plan to show a movie, TV show, or any other audio visual item that is not covered by either Criterion or ACF you will need to seek viewing permissions.

Linda Whidden Linda.Whidden@kings.uwo.ca, in the Cardinal Carter Library, may be able to assist. This process may take time, so plan ahead. Once permission to show the item is obtained, proceed with Step 2 and provide proof of permission with your room booking request.