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Regulation of Intellectual Property Rights in Electronic Content

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Title:	Regulation of Intellectual Property Rights in Electronic Content
Regulation Description:	A document that includes defining the concept of electronic content that is uploaded onto educational platforms, its usage controls, and methods of protecting copyright in electronic content.
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University of Bahrain Council Decision
Number (542) of (2020)
Regarding Regulation of Intellectual Property Rights in Electronic
Content

Approval of University President / Date: October 11, 2020 AD
University Council:

Article I

To approve the Regulation of Intellectual Property Rights in Electronic Content, in accordance with the version attached to this letter.

Article II

The Dean of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research, and concerned parties, each within its competence, shall implement this regulation.



Definitions and General Provisions

Article (1)

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings assigned to them unless the context requires otherwise.

University:	University of Bahrain.
President:	President of the University of Bahrain
Member:	A faculty member at the University of Bahrain assigned to teaching duties, such as teaching assistants or research assistants.
Student:	A student enrolled in the University of Bahrain
E-Content:	Academic material in all its types and forms, whether written, audio, or visual, which is made available to students electronically on the University's website or other online platforms.
E-Learning Platforms:	Online platforms that are approved by the University and used to carry out e-learning tasks during regular or distance learning.

Article (2)

This Regulation aims to regulate the legal relationships between the University and its affiliates in the field of e-learning, in accordance with clear legal controls that comply with the University of Bahrain's Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights Regulation of 2019 and other relevant applicable laws, most notably Law No. (22) of 2006 on the Protection of Copyright and Attendant Rights and its amendments.

Guidelines for the Substance of Scientific E-Content

Article (2)

The member is obligated to provide students with e-content that is appropriate to the nature of the course, and must consider accuracy and academic integrity in its preparation and implementation, in accordance with the established principles. The member shall be responsible for the substance of the e-content and for respecting the copyrights of others when preparing and displaying any type of e-content, and must not infringe upon the rights of others in any way.



Author's Copyright in E-Content

Article (3)

The member shall prepare the content based on the instructions or directives of the relevant academic department or deanship, or upon assignment from the University Administration. The University has the right to use this content for teaching purposes only, provided that the faculty member retains their financial and moral rights, including the right to have the work attributed to them (to have their name on it), and the right to object to any modifications made to the e-content by others without their consent. This right includes course explanation files in PowerPoint or other formats.

E-Content Usage Restrictions

Article (4)

- The e-content is to be used for non-commercial educational purposes and may not be exploited commercially without obtaining prior written consent from the member who prepared it or the members who participated in its preparation.
- Students may use the e-content provided by the member through e-learning platforms, by making a single copy purely for personal learning purposes, provided that its use is not for commercial purposes to generate financial profit. Under no circumstances may the student use this content for any purpose other than that specified, or distort or alter it. Nor may the student download the content with the intention of republishing or spread it among the public. Furthermore, the student may not, under any circumstances, record lectures being broadcast live without prior permission from the member. The student shall be subject to legal accountability if found to have violated the provisions of this article.

Final Provisions

Article (5)

Unless otherwise specified in this Regulation, the provisions of Law No. (22) of 2006 on the Protection of Copyright and Attendant Rights shall apply to free uses that permit others to use the e-content without needing prior consent from the rightholder, provided that such uses do not constitute an infringement of the author's moral rights.



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Based on the recommendation of the Dean of Graduate Studies and Scientific Research at the University of Bahrain, the President shall issue the executive decisions for this Regulation and is authorized to take whatever organizational and administrative measures he deems appropriate to implement its provisions.