

UUP to take action against companies posting and selling course materials

Has your intellectual property been posted and sold without your permission?

It has come to UUP's attention that private companies such as StudyBlue, Course Hero and Study Soup are posting course materials such as syllabi, exams, study guides, notes and homework questions without permission from the faculty to whom this intellectual property belongs. Materials can be submitted by students and then sold to other students.



StudyBlue: www.studyblue.com
Course Hero: www.coursehero.com
Studysoup: www.StudySoup.com
Chegg Study: www.chegg.com
Oneclass: www.oneclass.com
Gradebuddy: www.gradebuddy.com
Quizlet: www.quizlet.com

To inform UUP, or if you have questions, please contact Jamie Dangler, UUP vice president for academics, at jdangler@uupmail.org; 1-800-342-4206.

UUP is preparing to take action against companies that post and sell course materials on their websites without permission from authors. Attorneys from UUP's affiliate, New York State United Teachers, are preparing a "Cease and Desist" order on behalf of UUP that would direct the companies to remove all materials belonging to individuals who agree to be named as victims. The order will seek immediate removal and permanent protection against future illegal use of course materials for all individuals named as parties to the action.

More than 100 members from campuses statewide have provided UUP with information about the illegal posting of their materials. Anyone who has not contacted us and wants to be a party to the action should do so as soon as possible.

We ask faculty to do the following:

- Search the following websites to see if any of your course materials have been posted **without your permission**.
- Inform UUP if your intellectual property appears on any of these sites—or any others you may know of that are posting course materials without faculty permission.

Protect Your Intellectual Property

1. Make sure all your work, including course syllabi and other course materials, includes a copyright notice. In the United States, the copyright notice generally consists of three elements:
 - The @ symbol, or the word "Copyright" or abbreviation "Copr.";
 - The year of first publication of the copyrighted work;
 - The name of copyright owner.
2. Tell students that posting your course materials without your permission is a copyright violation.
3. Add the following to course materials:
"Reproduction of this material is prohibited without the author's consent."

For more information on copyright, click on the QR code at right or go to goo.gl/EUaYtq

