

# USING MUSIC AT CURTIN



Curtin University

Curtin participates in a collective music licence negotiated on our behalf by Universities Australia, which lets us use copyrighted music in specific ways. Here's what it means for your work at Curtin:

## University events

If the event is run by Curtin and the ticket price is not over \$40, you can:

- Copy music for use at the event.
- Play music at the event.
- Make recordings and keep copies.
- Supply recordings in a physical format to staff, students and their family.

## Graduations

At Curtin graduations, you can:

- Copy music for use at the event.
- Play music at the event.
- Supply recordings in a physical format to staff, students and their family at no cost or on a cost recovery basis.
- Stream the event online for up to 30 days via the University website (restrictions apply after this time).

## Learning and teaching

When using music for educational purposes you can:

- Copy music for use in class.
- Play music in a live classroom setting.
- Play music in a password-protected streamed educational recording (e.g. Blackboard).

## University premises

Curtin staff and students are allowed to play background music on University premises provided:

- The premises are owned or leased by the University.
- The music is used for University purposes and not a commercial activity (including advertising or recruitment).
- The music is not used by third parties operating on University premises.

# Videos containing music

You can share videos with music on some university platforms:

Type of work		Communication platform		
		Password-protected Curtin platform (e.g. Blackboard)	Curtin website (e.g. curtin.edu.au)	Curtin social media channels (e.g. Facebook, YouTube)
Live performance (music you record from a live performance)	In context (music captured when you record the video)	✓	✓	✗
	Post-production (music you edit into the video later)	✓	✓	✗
Sound recording (music recorded by an artist or label)	In context	✓	✓	✗
	Post-production	✓	✗	✗



To be covered under the music licence, videos need to be part of the University's usual activities.



Showcasing student work to highlight Curtin's world-class Arts unit would be non-commercial and permitted.



Videos made for commercial purposes, like advertising and recruitment videos, would not be covered under the licence.



An advertisement showcasing student work with the tagline "study with Curtin, we are taking enrolments now" would be considered commercial and would not be permitted.

## University businesses

University businesses can play background music, as long as they meet the definition of a 'university business'.

To qualify as a 'university business' you must:

- Be a 100% university owned business or entity.
- Operate for non-profit or cost recovery purposes.
- Provide facilities to staff and students only.  
Incidental visitors are okay for retail, John Curtin Gallery and food outlets.

Curtin Student Guild, Curtin Stadium and some university businesses aren't covered by this licence.

## Where to source your music

You need to source your music from a legal source, for example:

- Format shifting the music from a CD.
- Acquiring the music through iTunes.
- Streaming the music through Spotify.

Make sure you read the terms and conditions for online music services, as these terms may override what is allowed in our music licence.

# Contact us for help

Need more information or advice on using music?

Library Copyright Team

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Check out our factsheet at

*copyright.curtin.edu.au*