DVD and Streaming Videos – Frequently Asked Questions for Faculty

Q: I want to show a video to students during my class. USM owns the video, but it says Library Use Only. How can I get the video?

A: Fill out this form: http://usm.maine.edu/library/video-request-form You can request when you need the DVD and we will send the DVD to the campus Library you want (Portland, Gorham, Lewiston-Auburn) and you can pick it up at the desk.

Q: I want to show a DVD in my class. USM doesn’t own the DVD, but UMO does own it. Can I request the DVD from Orono and show it in my class, have it put on Reserve, or have the Library put it in EReserves?

A: No. Due to copyright laws, USM needs to own the DVD in order for you to show it in class, put on Reserve, or put into EReserves.

Q: Can I use a DVD I have borrowed through a MaineCat Library or through WorldCat?

A: No. Due to copyright laws, USM must own the DVD.

Q: I have my own copy of a video I want my class to see. Can I bring it to class, put it on physical Reserve, or ask the Library to stream it on my class EReserves?

A: No. Due to copyright laws, USM needs to own the DVD in order for you to show it in class, put on Reserve, or put into EReserves. You should put in a request for USM to purchase the DVD and complete the request form: http://usm.maine.edu/library/video-request-form

Q: What do I do if I want to show a DVD or streaming video to my class, but USM does not own it?

A: Request that USM purchase the DVD by filling out this form: http://usm.maine.edu/library/video-request-form Put in the Request to Purchase as far in advance as possible.

Q: How do I put a DVD owned by USM on Reserve at one of the campus libraries so that my students can watch all or part of it in the library?
A: There is a place on the form to indicate that the video should be placed on physical Reserve at a specific campus. Use the same form: http://usm.maine.edu/library/video-request-form

Q: What does streaming video mean?

A: You can watch the video on your computer without having the physical disc. The video plays on a player installed on your computer.

Q: When I looked in URSUS for the DVD I want for my class, it says Location: ‘Available.’ Do I have to go to Portland to get it or can I just fill out the form: http://usm.maine.edu/library/video-request-form

A: Just fill out the form.

Q: One of my students wants to see a video USM owns, but the video says ‘Library Use Only.’ Is there any way that my student can view the video?

A: Yes. Faculty can request a DVD for a student for classroom use using the same form: http://usm.maine.edu/library/video-request-form

Q: I found a streaming video in URSUS. How do I get it into my class EReserves?

A: Fill out the form: http://usm.maine.edu/library/video-request-form
Library staff will put the streaming video into your class E-Reserves (ARES) account.

Q: I found a streaming video in URSUS. How do I get it into my class Blackboard site?

A: You can use the persistent link to put a streaming video into your Blackboard site. If you have any trouble, contact Bill Sargent at william.sargent@maine.edu or 207-780-8154

Q: I teach a hybrid class and want to know if I can get access to Swank so I can show my class more videos?

A: No, hybrid and face to face classes do not have access to Swank products at this time. Only totally online classes have access to Swank through the University of Maine at Augusta (UMA). http://umalibguides.uma.edu/videos

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