

To be read and signed by first offenders

Electronic Copyright First Violation Student Agreement

I understand that it is my personal responsibility to take reasonable measures to ensure the security and integrity of my personal computer, and that I am ultimately responsible for any copyright infringing material found on my computer, even if that infringing material is the result of a virus or other compromise. I also understand that Federal copyright law prohibits the reproduction, distribution, public display or public performance of copyrighted materials without permission of the copyright owner, unless fair use or another exemption under copyright law applies.

Under the terms of the HLS Network Usage Agreement, I understand that any subsequent violations will result in the suspension of my HLS network privileges according to the following schedule:

First violation: warning. User must remove infringing content and assert in writing their commitment to upholding copyright and acceptable use policy. Failure to respond to the warning within 7 days will result in the suspension of network privileges until the matter is resolved.

Second violation: immediate temporary suspension of HLS network privileges. User will not be able to register their computer system(s) for use on the HLS network for a period of 90 days*.

Third violation: indicates a serious disregard for HLS policy, appropriate use of HLS network resources, and for federal copyright law. Your network privileges will be immediately suspended. A permanent loss of HLS network privileges may be incurred and the matter is referred to DOS.

***Appeals Process:** If you think your **second** violation may be the result of a security compromise that allows a third party to share copyrighted material via your personal computer without your knowledge, you may appeal the standard 90-day suspension. Your network privileges will be suspended while the matter is investigated. If it is determined that the violation was in fact the result of a security compromise and the content was being shared without your knowledge, your network privileges will be reinstated after 30 days from the date of the notice. If no evidence of a security compromise is found, your network privileges will be suspended for the full 90 days.

Access to electronic academic materials during network suspension: You will still be able to access your HLS email account and all HLS electronic resources necessary to meet course and degree requirements via public computers located in the ITS Student Computer Lab and Langdell Library.

Print Name

Signature

Date