

McKillop Library Streaming Film Policy

McKillop Library provides access to streaming film in fulfillment of our mission to support the curriculum while complying with copyright law and fair use guidelines.

The library provides access to streaming film through [Academic Video Online](#), [Films on Demand](#), and [World History in Video](#) streaming services, which provide access to tens of thousands of streaming films. We urge faculty to search these databases for films related to course content before placing a request for licensing.

The library has established a limited budget per semester to purchase licensing for streaming films that are available through approved library vendors. Licensing one film for one year costs the library between \$120 and \$200.

Before requesting that the library purchase licensing, please ensure that your request meets the following criteria:

- Films are required viewing for an entire class
- Limit of 5 streaming titles per course
- Films must be placed on course reserves

Faculty members should request licensing for streaming films by placing a [course reserve request](#). Streaming film requests are purchased on a first-come, first-served basis until the semester's budget is expended. Streaming films will be purchased through approved library vendors that offer institutional licensing and meet our technical requirements.

Certain licensing, technical, and infrastructure restrictions prohibit the library from purchasing streaming rights for:

- Films available on services such as Netflix, Hulu, or Amazon, which do not provide institutional licensing
- Films offered only through independent filmmakers

Additionally, the library cannot place freely-available videos on streaming platforms such as YouTube, Vudu, and Tubi on reserve as these platforms may remove content at any time without providing notice to users. Furthermore, videos hosted on YouTube and other user-driven streaming platforms may have been uploaded outside of copyright compliance.

Licensing is usually for one year. Faculty who require access to a film for more than one year must submit a request each year. Requests should be submitted as early as possible to ensure uninterrupted access.

Alternatively, the library is happy to purchase films in DVD format. It is permissible under fair use guidelines for students to watch a film in class or during a scheduled in-person screening.