

of the copyright laws; I do not worry about the risks”. These answers obviously ensure the ignorance of the legal consequences the students have.

Copyright infringement among university students occurs in several forms.

Most of the college courses require the use of different software programs during either lectures or tutorials. In light of this, many of these programs have paid-subscription policies. nonetheless, the majority of undergraduate students do not have income sources to cover all these subscription fees. So, they turn to piracy websites (such as: Pirate Bay) to download a free version of the required programs. In addition, we are all familiar with research papers that are required during the courses. In fact, Students struggle to get these papers done without have other research papers of the same topic to gather information from. This kind of struggle led to the emergence of websites that deliver a large number of expensive research papers and articles online for free such as SCIHUB.com.

Some studies conducted that undergraduate students may infringe on copyright works unintentionally when they don't summarize or quote correctly from articles. Let's put into consideration that copying a research paper from a website without providing citation, submitting other student's work with or without their knowledge, and submitting a paper copied from the internet as their own are other forms of infringement students may not be aware of.

Copyright laws have their own title in the American constitution (title 17) and some act of laws in title 17 states a 2 years jail period as a punishment for copyright infringement. Although other law acts stated financial compensations ranging between 2,500 – 150,000 U.S. dollar for the use of a copyrighted content without the owner's permission.

However, there are some acts of laws that allow people to use copyrighted content without their permission such the “fair use” act in the U.S. law and the “fair dealing” act of the U.K copyright law 1988.