

You're an intelligent person. When you weigh the risks and benefits, you'll find that it just doesn't make sense to download music and video illegally—not when there are so many excellent legal media services.



Online stores such as AmazonMP3.com, iTunes.com, and mp3.Walmart.com offer song downloads for less than a dollar each. Web-based services such as Pandora.com and SongRaptor.com

allow users to stream entire songs and create their own

playlists to revisit at will. All in all, there are more than 50 legal music download sites identified at RIAA.com.

If the advantages of legal downloading are not compelling enough for you, then consider the risks. College campuses are not sanctuaries from prosecution. Like other universities, TU is committed to *supporting* copyright laws, not to protecting those who violate them. For the relatively small amount of money you could save by downloading music and video via unauthorized peer-to-peer networks, such as Kazaa and BitTorrent, you risk more than you may realize.

- ⊙ Federal law states that unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material, including peer-to-peer file sharing, may subject violators to civil and criminal penalties including loss of computing devices, responsibility for actual damages and legal costs, punitive damages up to \$1,000,000 and imprisonment up to 10 years.
- ⊙ The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) and other representatives of the entertainment industry contact the University when they believe illegal downloads have occurred. They identify the offending IP addresses enabling officials to find the copyright violators. The University issues warnings to first-time offenders; repeat offenders can face sanctions ranging from loss of network privileges to suspension.
- ⊙ The TU Office of Technology Services also employs content monitoring and filtering systems to detect potential illegal use of campus computers.

The risks are considerable, but completely avoidable. Explore one of the many available legal music services, and help TU...



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