

EXPORTING OR EDITING YOUTUBE VIDEOS FOR TEACHING AND COURSE DEVELOPMENT

Question:

Can I export YouTube videos in order to edit, remix or archive them for the purposes of teaching and course development?

Answer:

No, you cannot because doing so would contravene YouTube's Terms of Service.

The *Copyright Act* does generally allow educational institutions, or a person acting under the authority of one, to reproduce works available through the internet for educational purposes but not if the internet site where the materials are found clearly prohibits this activity. YouTube's [Terms of Service](#) clearly prohibits users from editing, remixing or archiving content available on the site.

If you want a permanent copy of a video and the rights to edit or remix it, the best practice would be to contact the rights holder (not YouTube) to request permission for the intended use, and also to request that they send you a copy of the video. It's important to note that although the rights holder can give you permission to use the content, they cannot grant permission to export the video from YouTube.