

Northern Illinois University
Distance Learning / E-course Intellectual Property Ownership Agreement

Course Number / Title: _____

Instructor's Name: _____

Is development of educational materials supported by release time or additional university services or funding beyond what is provided for normal work activities? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, specify details _____

Is the development of educational materials funded by an external agency?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, specify funding agency, title, and grant number.

The signing parties agree that distance learning/e-course development support for the specified educational material falls under the following condition and is subject to respective ownership rights. (Check the appropriate option below.)

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Condition 1. The creator develops the educational materials in the normal course of his/her duties.

- Creator retains full ownership rights to all contents and materials.

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Condition 2. The creator develops the educational materials in conjunction with specific NIU service providers such as eLearning, ITS, Media Services, etc.

- The creator and NIU own their contributions to the project.
- The creator and NIU share ownership of the combined product.
- The use rights of each party will be negotiated and set forth in a licensing agreement between the creator and NIU.

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Condition 3. The creator develops the educational materials with external funding or services.

- The creator, NIU, and the external agency may share ownership of the material.
- Ownership rights will be negotiated and set forth in a licensing agreement between the various parties.

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Condition 4. The creator develops the educational materials as part of a project specifically commissioned by NIU and supported by University resources. Teaching of the course is generally not restricted to the original instructor.

- NIU retains full ownership rights to the educational materials.

I agree to the associated intellectual property ownership rights as specified in the checked condition reflecting the course development support.

Creator Signature and Date

Dean Signature and Date

Department Chair Signature and Date

Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies
Signature and Date