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## Copyright Law Policy

Based on the Copyright Federal Law (U.S. Copyright Law, 17 U.S / c.), The Escuela Técnica de Electricidad, Inc.(ETE) established as a Policy to Protect Copyright the following:

- a) ETE does not endorse or promote the unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material by institutions students.
- b) Sanctions for copyright violation could result from a warning, suspension or termination, and referral to the relevant authorities for civil or criminal prosecution.

### Summary of Civil or Criminal Penalties for Violation of Copyright Laws

The violation of Copyright is the carrying out without permission or legal authority, one or more than the exclusive rights reserved by the copyright owner under section 106 of the Copyright Act (Title 17 of the United State Code). These rights include the right to reproduce or distribute a copyright work. Penalties for violating copyright include civil and criminal penalties. In general, anyone found guilty of copyright infringement may be ordered to pay actual damages or predisposed statutory damages of not less than \$750.00 and not more than \$30,000.00 per work infringed. Violating Copyright at will, that is, knowingly and maliciously, can result in penalties, including imprisonment for up to five years and fines of up to \$250,000.00 per offense.

Among the most common actions that violate the laws that apply to Copyright and License Protection are:

1. Photocopy entire books, papers, monographs and any other written or recorded document, having copyright without prior written permission of the author.
2. Electronic exchange of files between colleagues or peers protected by Copyright and /or License Protection.
3. Any student who violates this law will be subject to the application of the Student Rules in which the sanctions to be applied to the student who does not comply with the policies established by the Institution.

#### Sanctions:

- a) First Offense: Written notification to student and suspension. This suspension will be determined according to the offense committed by the student.
- b) Second Offense: Termination and referral to the pertinent authorities for civil or criminal prosecution.

4. However, this policy takes into consideration the following:
  - a. Under some conditions this law allows the use fragments of copies of copyrighted works in the classroom. The Act states that "The fair use of a copyrighted work, including reproduction in copies for purposes such as teaching (including multiple copies for use in the classroom) does not infringe the copyright."
  - b. Similarly, the nations covered by the Treaty of Berne Convention have an international agreement on copyright, also the laws of copyright many other nations contain provisions "fair use" and allow some partial use material copyrighted without permission, if such material is not altered, credit is given to the author, and is used for educational or research purposes and not for commercial use.

For more information visit [www.copyright.gov](http://www.copyright.gov).