

ERA licence and off-air recording for teaching

The University pays for the ERA (Educational Recording Agency) licence which allows recording of publicly broadcast TV and radio programmes for non-commercial educational purposes.

More information is available on the ERA FAQ page: <http://www.era.org.uk/the-licence/faq>

All scheduled free to air radio and TV broadcasts may be recorded under the ERA licence.

Access to some broadcast services (such as pay TV services) may be restricted as a result of the terms and conditions which subscribers to such services sign up to.

On-demand services such as BBC iPlayer, ITV Player and S4C (On Demand) are included.

Recordings cannot be supplied to students based overseas at present.

If a request is received from a lecturer in advance, [Eifion Owen](#) in IT Services will record the programme.

Most lecturers don't request in advance so a copy will have to be obtained.

The easiest way is to request on an email list like LIS-LINK. (The Library can do this.) We are likely to receive an MP4 file by email.

Another way is to search the TRILT database at BUFVC (British Universities Film & Video Council)/Learning on Screen. Contact [Paul Wood](#) in IT Services for assistance.

We try to keep a digital version on a secure server and a DVD for lending. Please contact the Library.

Ideally we would like to link to the digital version from a reading list.

Requirements for the notice to put at the beginning of a video and the label on a jewel case or cover may be found in the ERA FAQ.

The label/notice must include:

- Date (when the recording was made)
- Name of the broadcaster
- Programme title
- The wording 'This recording is to be used only for educational and non-commercial purposes under the terms of the ERA Licence'

A couple of recent examples may be found at:

https://www.bangor.ac.uk/library/all_users/digitised/2016-17/OSX-2000-1.mp4

https://www.bangor.ac.uk/library/all_users/digitised/2016-17/DXX-1005-1.mp4