

## **University Policy on Student Access to Brightspace: Guidance to Faculty**

Students will no longer be able to access a course's Brightspace site after the course has ended.

The University of Maine complies with US copyright law. Where possible, we seek to do so while also minimizing the effort of faculty members to assess and manage students' access to protected materials. To achieve both goals, students have access to a course's Brightspace site only during the semester or semesters when enrolled in that course. Once students complete or are no longer enrolled in the course, they will not have access. (If a student receives an Incomplete, he/she will continue to have access.)

As the end of each semester approaches, we will encourage students to retain personal copies of material they submitted through Brightspace.

As you prepare . . . course materials, you might consider including this information where appropriate. Here's a sample statement:

If you wish to retain a personal copy of material you submitted through Brightspace, please do so before the end of the semester. You will not have access to a course's Brightspace site after you complete the course. You can store copies of material you wish to retain on Google Drive, your hard drive, or other media of your choosing. Other materials posted by your faculty may be found at the library.

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