

Film Screening Process, UWE's MPLC Licence

As part of copyright compliance, permission is required to screen films outside of teaching activities. UWE holds an umbrella licence with the Motion Picture Licensing Company (MPLC) that covers films from hundreds of producers and distributors.

The Students' Union at UWE follows this process.

Step 1: Find the Film's Producers and UK DVD Distributor

1. Go to IMDb (www.imdb.com).
2. Search for the film you wish to screen and open its page.
3. On the right-hand side of the page, locate All Topics (above the popularity section).
4. Select Company Credits.
5. Review the listed:
 - a. Production companies (producers)
 - b. UK DVD distributor (where available)

Make a note of both the producers and the UK DVD distributor.

Step 2: Check MPLC Rightsholders

1. Visit the MPLC rightsholders list:
 - a. www.themplc.co.uk/page/rightsholders
2. Search the list for the producers and UK DVD distributor identified on IMDb.
3. Be aware that company names may not always appear exactly the same way. Some companies operate under different trading names or have changed names over time.

For example:

- 20th Century Studios may also appear as:
 - Twentieth Century Fox
 - 20th Century Fox
 - 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment

If necessary, check the company's website to confirm alternative names.

Education Sector Exceptions

Films shown in universities may be exempt from additional copyright licensing when they are:

- Screened as part of teaching and learning activities; or
- Directly connected to the curriculum being taught.

However, additional licensing is generally required when films are screened for extra-curricular purposes, such as:

- Film societies
- Social events
- Fundraising activities
- Entertainment screenings