UCLA Policy 965: Ownership of Creative Work Submitted by Students

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Responsible Dept: Chancellor’s Office
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I. REFERENCES

1. UC Policy on Copyright Ownership, 8/19/92.

II. BACKGROUND

Questions regularly arise about the ownership of creative work submitted by students in satisfaction of course requirements.

III. STATEMENT

Creative work (other than examination papers) submitted by a student, in satisfaction of course requirements, legally belongs to the student submitting it, unless a contrary understanding exists in advance between the University and the student. Faculty members who wish to use student submittals for future purposes, such as publication or exhibition, must announce this to students in advance. The announcement may appear in the course description, in a class handout, or may be made orally in an early class meeting. A department may publish a uniform policy of this nature, or these announcements may be made by individual faculty members.

The legal effectiveness of announcements chosen for this purpose shall be reviewed by contacting the Office of the Vice Chancellor, Legal Affairs.

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Executive Vice Chancellor

Questions concerning this policy or procedure should be referred to the Responsible Department listed at the top of this document.