



BRADFORD STUDENT CINEMA

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Screening a Film in a Society or Sports Club

Many clubs and societies like to screen films as a form of “social event” exclusively for their members, whereas some may use the event in order to raise awareness of a cause or raise money to support it. Whatever the reason you wish to screen a film, under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act of 1988 it is a legal requirement that you obtain a screening license to exhibit it outside the home or the cinema - even if you own a copy of the film you wish to show.

Without the license, the film screening will be infringing copyright law. It is a civil and sometimes criminal offence to publicly exhibit a film without permission of the copyright holder or their representative. The Bradford Student Cinema holds a Public Video Screening License (PVSL) and as such are the only student-run organisation within the union who are legally able to exhibit films on a regular basis in Student Central.

We know how useful and entertaining films are to societies and clubs, and we want to make sure that when you screen a film you are fully within the law. For this reason, there are a number of steps and rules to which you must adhere in order to legally exhibit a film.

As a Social Event within Student Central

If you intend to screen a film purely for entertainment purposes (no admittance fee) - be it solely for your members or with the inclusion of the general student population - then the process is very simple.

- 1. Informing Bradford Student Cinema** - The UBU Reception will be able to inform the cinema of which film it is that you intend to screen, as well being able to book the room in which you want show the film. The cinema (Student Central 0.51) is equipped with Blu-ray and 7.1 Surround Sound capabilities, however in order to operate the system a trained user is required. If you wish to use the cinema’s facilities, please contact us directly in order to arrange for technical support on the day of your screening.
- 2. Promotion** - As per the conditions of the license, you may only advertise the screening within the licensed premises. This means that if you wish to promote your event to students, any posters/flyers must be displayed solely within the Student Central building and contain within them the Bradford Student Cinema logo. If you wish to promote in this way, contact us to obtain the approved logo.
- 3. Obtaining the film** - The cinema has an expanding catalogue of films, primarily on Blu-ray, which are available to societies and clubs should they wish to show them. You are welcome to use your own copy of a film if you wish, or in the event of a film not being held in the catalogue we can purchase it for you at the cost of obtaining the film provided that sufficient notice is given. Films which are not classified by the BBFC and are not exempt from classification are not be permitted to be shown. If you find that you wish to show such a film, please contact us for advice.

As a Fundraising Event or Outside of Student Central

Exhibiting a film for a commercial purpose - for example charging admittance for fundraising - or on premises external to those licensed (in this case Student Central) requires another license to be obtained. The Single Title Screening License (STSL) is issued on a title by title basis and allows you to charge for a single screening and exhibit in a location not currently covered by the PVSL. Currently the cost of such a license is £79 and if you wish to obtain one then you should contact us directly for assistance.

For any issues relating to film screenings, please email contact@bradfordstudentcinema.com