Saying the Final Goodbye: Transitioning from VHS to Alternative Forms of Instructional Video

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- There is no guarantee that VCR players will be available for your class after this date.
- VCR players will not be repaired or replaced by the college.
- Maintenance and repair of VHS tapes, regardless if they are owned by the college or are your personal copy, will be discontinued.

How Should I Prepare for this Transition?

1. Plan now for your instructional video needs for Spring Semester, 2012. Ample time is needed to order materials, obtain copyright licenses, digitize clips, etc.
2. Prioritize needs, keeping in mind budget limitations.
3. Ask your subject librarian for help with selection, ordering, replacement, and substitution.

What are My Options for Replacing VHS tapes?

- Purchase the same title in DVD format, or, if not available, work with your subject librarian to find a comparable replacement.
- Check the library catalog to see if there is a DVD on the same topic that will meet your needs.
- Purchase a Video on Demand subscription. This is ideal for time-sensitive content with a short shelf life.
- Digitize portions of a VHS tape under fair use, or investigate video clip databases.
- Digitize the whole VHS tape if digital rights are available for purchase and are not cost-prohibitive.

Where Can I Get Help?

1. Contact your subject librarian at the Reference desk: refdesk@pct.edu
2. Check the library’s catalog on the main library page: www.pct.edu/library
3. CFAUAG (Copyright and Fair Use Advisory Group) can help with your questions regarding fair use: https://mypct.pct.edu/departments/Madigan Library/CFAUG/default.aspx
4. Office of Instructional Technology can assist with digitization of video clips: https://mypct.pct.edu/departments/Instructional Technology/default.aspx
5. Complete a streaming media request form at https://mypct.pct.edu/forms/Pages/AcquisitionsRequestForm.aspx

Questions? Contact Lynne Koskie, Acquisitions Manager (lkoskie@pct.edu) or Lisette Ormsbee, Director of the Madigan Library (lormsbee@pct.edu).