



Data@UNIMI license management

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Each Dataverse installation provides a set of license(s) data can be released under, and whether users can specify custom terms instead.

Data@UNIMI applies licensing information at the dataset level and this is displayed along with the dataset metadata. All datasets created through the Dataverse software interface have a **default CC0 Public Domain license**, but [other licenses](#) can be applied.

License/Data Use Agreement

Our [Community Norms](#) as well as good scientific practices expect that proper credit is given via citation. Please use the data citation shown on the dataset page.






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CHOOSING A LICENSE

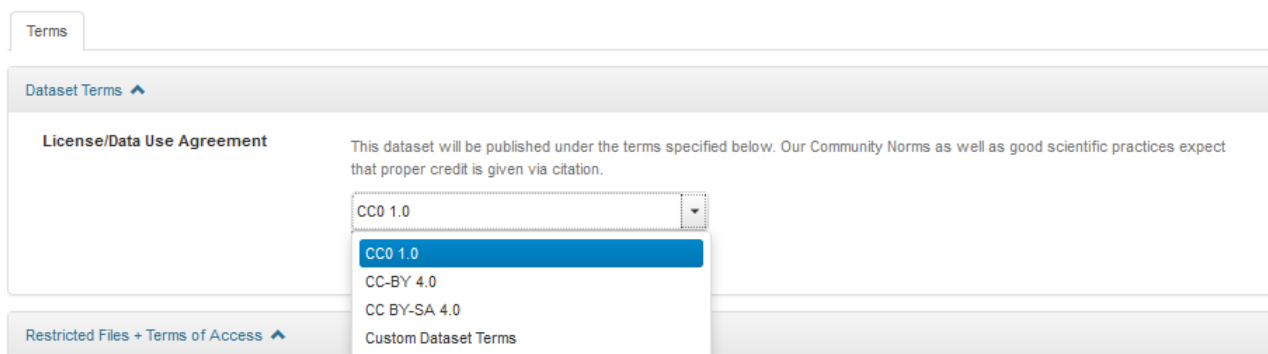
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APPLYING TERMS

Rights metadata is managed by Data@UNIMI in the same way in which normal metadata is managed. If you do not wish to apply a license but simply to apply terms of access, then, as the image below shows, select 'custom dataset terms' in the field 'dataset terms'. The human access is provided by the usual web GUI (graphical user interface), while machine access is provided in standard JSON through the use of the dataverse software API:



The screenshot shows a web interface for selecting dataset terms. At the top, there is a 'Terms' tab. Below it, a 'Dataset Terms' section is visible. On the left, there is a 'License/Data Use Agreement' label. To the right, a text box contains the message: 'This dataset will be published under the terms specified below. Our Community Norms as well as good scientific practices expect that proper credit is given via citation.' Below this text is a dropdown menu with the following options: 'CC0 1.0', 'CC-BY 4.0', 'CC BY-SA 4.0', and 'Custom Dataset Terms'. The 'Custom Dataset Terms' option is currently selected. At the bottom of the interface, there is a 'Restricted Files + Terms of Access' section.

The monitoring of compliance is usually **managed at deposit time, before publication**. All restriction requests are questioned by curators and central staff. File restriction adoptions are not monitored when the user deposit autonomously, without intervention from curation staff. It has never happened so far.

FURTHER HELP

- Didn't find what you are looking for? Check the [guide](#) or the UNIMI data management [website](#).
- Explore the [Creative Commons website](#) to know more.
- Still have some questions? Contact [Data@UNIMI support](#).