



Academic Integrity

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Academic Integrity Resources

The Center for Academic Integrity
www.academicintegrity.org

UC Libraries
www.libraries.uc.edu/instruction/faculty/plagiarism.html

Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning
www.uc.edu/cetl/bestpract/plagiarism/html

University Judicial Affairs
www.uc.edu/conduct

Plagiarism.org
www.plagiarism.org

How to Cite Sources in a Paper
www.ohiolink.edu/help/cite-sources.html

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WHAT IS PLAGIARISM ?

The Student Code of Conduct defines plagiarism as:

1. Submitting another's published or unpublished work in whole, in part or in paraphrase, as one's own without fully and properly crediting the author with footnotes, quotations marks, citations, or bibliographical reference.
2. Submitting as one's own original work, material obtained from an individual or agency without reference to the person or agency as the source of the material
3. Submitting as one's own original work material that has been produced through unacknowledged collaboration with others without release in writing from collaborators.

HOW DOES PLAGIARISM HAPPEN ?

- Turning in someone else's work as yours.
- Changing the words of an original source in not sufficient to prevent plagiarism. If you have retained the essential idea of an original source, and have not cited it, then no matter how drastically you may have altered its context or presentation, you have still plagiarized.
- Copying works or ideas from someone else without giving credit.
- Failing to put a quotation in quotation marks.
- Giving incorrect information about the source of a quotation.
- Changing works but copying the sentence structure of a course without giving credit.
- Copying so many words or ideas from a source that it makes up the majority of your work whether you give credit or not.¹

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME IF I PLAGIARIZE ?

- Students who are found to be in violation of the Student Code of Conduct plagiarism provision may have any of the following actions administered against them:
 - University Disciplinary Academic Action: Fail the assignment or course
 - University Disciplinary Reprimand
 - University Disciplinary Probation
 - University Disciplinary Suspension
 - University Disciplinary Dismissal
- The University of Cincinnati takes plagiarism seriously so should you.

TIPS TO AVOID PLAGIARISM

- Always keep this in mind:
 - If you didn't write it, you need to cite it.
- Make sure you understand your assignment and what resources you are permitted to use.
- Take notes and try to use your own words taking notes.
- If you use another author's words, make sure you cite the source using quotes and a proper citation form.
- Even if you paraphrase, you are still required to cite the source of the original idea or concept.

Don't wait until the last minute to complete your assignment. Give yourself enough time to complete an assignment, so that you can do the best work you can.

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