

What is Plagiarism?



Plagiarism, also referred to as academic dishonesty or academic fraud, is the act of deliberately or accidentally presenting someone else's ideas and efforts as your own. Plagiarism includes the following and similar actions:

Absent or Fraudulent Credit

- failing to provide citations (give credit) for ideas, quotations, images, music that are not your own
- cutting and pasting from the Internet and print sources
- failing to put a quotation in quotation marks
- giving incorrect information about the source of a quotation/idea
- changing words but copying the sentence structure of a source without giving credit

Fraudulent Assignments/Content

- copying so many words or ideas from a source that it makes up the majority of your work – whether you give credit or not
- copying phrases or passages from Google Translate (or similar) for work in Languages classes
- turning in someone else's work as your own
- buying or copying papers and presentations from the Internet or other people
- having someone else complete an assignment/test for you (for payment or not)
- submitting an assignment that you completed already for another course
- falsifying or inventing data, quotations, information, or citations

Copying other Students' Work

- copying or gathering information from another student on an assignment or in a test/exam – with or without consent
- copying or gathering information from someone else's homework with or without consent

Using Aids

- bringing in and using notes, "cheat sheets", formulae for a test/exam (unless permitted by the teacher)
- using calculators and similar tools when not permitted
- using smartphones/watches or computers to access notes or the Internet during a test/exam or an in-class assignment
- using devices to text people for answers

Inappropriate Collaboration or Preparation

- working as a group or in partners when the assignment is not group work
- working outside of class time on tasks that are meant to be done only in class under teacher supervision (eg. writing parts of an in-class essay/presentation at home then copying the work into your in-class document electronically or by hand)