

## Why learn about plagiarism?

**Because you want to do your best work and you want it to be your own work!**

If you are like most students, you want credit for what you have done, not for what someone else has done. Learning how to manage and properly cite your sources will make the distinction between your work and that of your sources clear to the reader and will help you to avoid plagiarism.

**Because an act of plagiarism committed by students or staff would put the University's academic integrity at risk!**

The University is concerned about plagiarism, not because it is vindictive or suspicious, but it is the University's responsibility to ensure the academy upholds its reputation and the reputation of past, present and future students.

**Because avoiding plagiarism is serious business!**

Ironically, some honest and hardworking students plagiarise out of ignorance. They are not familiar with citation and referencing techniques. However, plagiarism is not a defense when plagiarism happens. Therefore, you cannot expect the University to accept a claim of 'not intending to commit plagiarism'.

**Because the consequences for failing to give credit are high!**

Students who plagiarise may forfeit all marks for an assignment, may fail the module in which they plagiarised, or may be suspended or permanently excluded from the University.

**Do we have your attention? This webpage is no quick fix, but it will certainly get you thinking!**

**Test yourself:** Complete the following questions to find out how much you know about plagiarism!

When you hit the 'submit' button at the end of the questionnaire you will be able to view the correct answers and access links to more information. Correct answers will display in **GREEN** and incorrect answers will display in **RED**.

**Enjoy!**

### Test yourself

**1. If I do not know how to reference correctly my lecturer will understand and accept that I did not plagiarise intentionally.**

- TRUE  
 FALSE

**2. It is my lecturers' responsibility to teach me about plagiarism and referencing techniques.**

- TRUE  
 FALSE

**3. By copying work and changing the wording I have made it my own.**

- TRUE  
 FALSE

**4. Plagiarism is stealing!**

- TRUE  
 FALSE

**5. I plagiarise if I copy or use work done by a student from a previous academic year.**

- TRUE  
 FALSE

**6. If I allow someone else to copy my original work, I am also guilty of plagiarism.**

- TRUE  
 FALSE

**7. Plagiarism is a serious offence - and uncool to do!**

- TRUE  
 FALSE

**8. If I commit plagiarism I could fail my year!**

- TRUE  
 FALSE

**9. Lecturers are lucky - the rules of plagiarism don't apply to them!**

- TRUE  
 FALSE

**10. My lecturer will never know that I've 'borrowed' work for my assignments!**

TRUE

FALSE

**11. To avoid plagiarism I can access information about how to do assignments and the correct use of referencing techniques.**

TRUE

FALSE

**12. When handed in, every assignment must be accompanied by a declaration of academic integrity.**

TRUE

FALSE

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