

INFORMATION LITERACY MODULE

Unit 4: Legal and ethical use of information

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of this learning experience you should be able to:

- Use information in line with ethical and legal criteria
- Comply with ethical and legal aspects of information usage such as plagiarism and copyright
- Cite information used in an assignment using a designated reference style format
- Convert bibliographic information of a variety of information source into a designated reference style format
- Compile a bibliography and reference list using a designated reference style format

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

These learning outcomes will be evident when:

- Information is used in line with ethical and legal criteria
- Ethical and legal aspects of information usage are adhered to
- Information used in an assignment is cited in line with a designated reference style format
- A bibliography and reference list is compiled using a designated reference style format

Legal and ethical use of information

Legal and ethical issues

What is meant by ethics?

Ethics is a term we use to explain moral concepts (as opposed to laws) such as good and bad, right and wrong, justice, and virtue.

What is meant by Law?

Controls what people can and cannot do as reflected in legislation. e.g. copyright

A video titled
“Copyright and Fair Use”
was played during the lecture
of this unit

Intellectual property

Allows owners exclusive right to profit from own work for a particular period

Types

- Patents for invention
- Trade marks for brand identity
- Design for product appearance
- Copyright for material

Examples

- Literary works
- Musical works
- Artistic works
- Cinematography
- Sound recordings
- Computer programmes



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Plagiarism definition

Taking someone else's creation or work without giving them credit and presenting it as your own.



Similarity checking software such as SafeAssign

Different types of plagiarism



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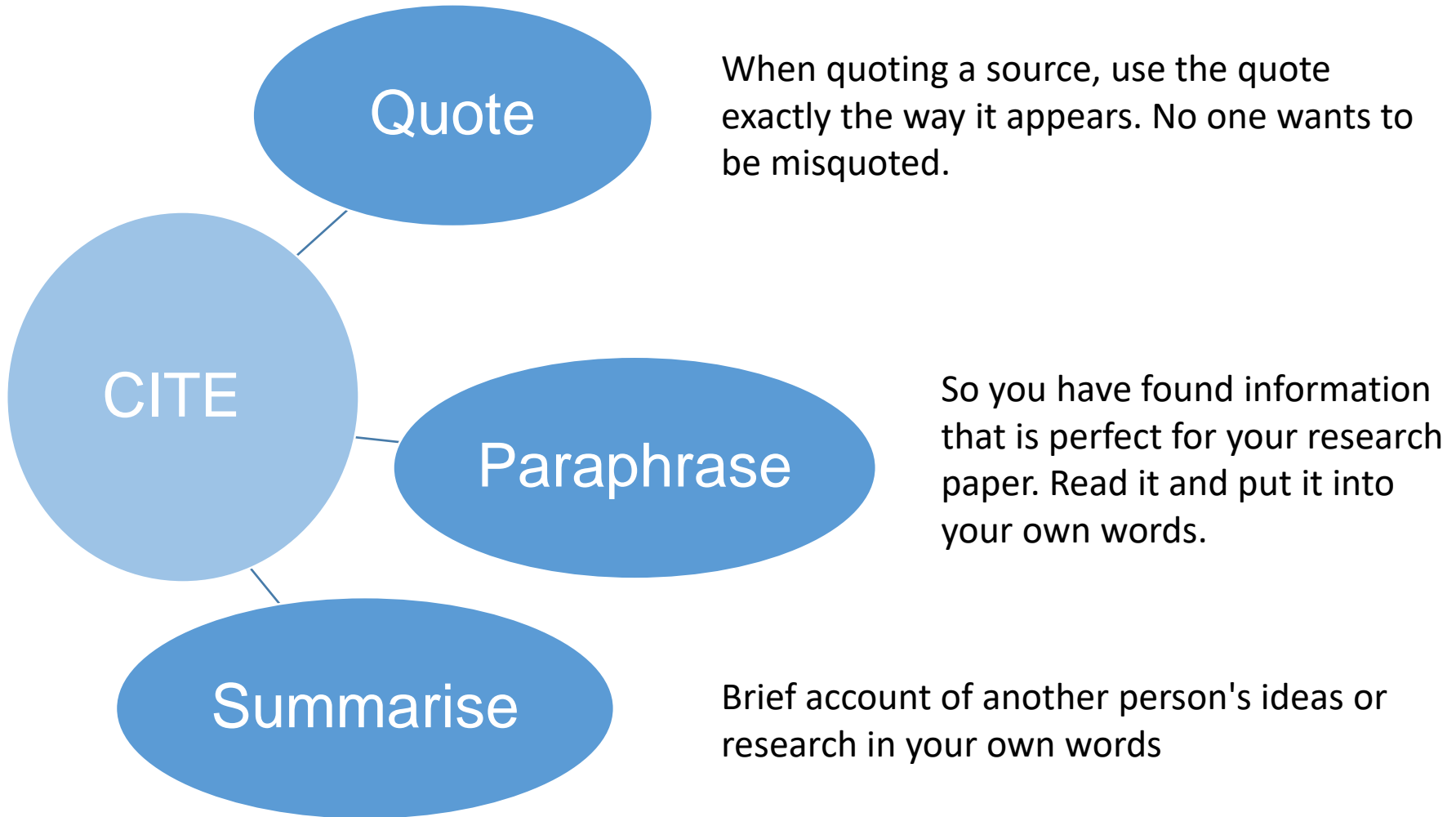
Intentional plagiarism

- Rewriting from books and articles
- Copying and pasting from online sources to create patchwork
- Buying, downloading or borrowing an assignment

Unintentional plagiarism

- Not knowing when and how to cite
- Not knowing how to paraphrase, quote and summarise
- Not knowing what common knowledge is
- Recycling content from an old assignment

Preventing Plagiarism



Citation and Referencing

Citing and referencing are important...

- Required by Tshwane University of Technology for academic writing
- Ensures academic integrity when writing your manuscript

Academic integrity refers to the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles as a student of Tshwane University of Technology.

- Prevents plagiarism
Read TUT's policy on plagiarism

Citing and referencing are important...(cont.)

- It enables the reader of your manuscript to:
 - a. distinguish between your own ideas and the ideas and research of others
 - b. verify the validity of your use of the ideas and research of others
 - c. follow up on the ideas and research of others as a matter of interest

Citing and referencing are important...(cont.)

- It demonstrates that you are able to:
 - a. use reliable sources and critically assess the sources in support of the ideas put forward in your manuscript
 - b. draw your own conclusions
 - c. establish creditability and authority of your own ideas and knowledge.

What is referencing?

Referencing is a standardised method of formatting the information sources you have used in your assignments

Any given referencing style serves two purposes:

- acknowledges the source
- allows the reader to trace the source.

Referencing and citation is a two step process:

1 In-Text citation

2 Reference list/Bibliography

INTRODUCING CITATION AND REFERENCING STYLES

- Many styles - one goal



Unique
rules



Cite in text of document

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Connect with full details of an information
source

Where to find information about specific styles

Tshwane University of Technology uses the citation and referencing styles guide of Monash University.

The guide can be accessed by entering the URL below in your browser

<http://guides.lib.monash.edu/citing-referencing/home>

TUT Citation Guide –Library Webpage

The screenshot shows the TUT Citation Guide library webpage. The browser address bar displays `libraries.tut.ac.za/index.php/services/reference-guides.html`. The website header includes the Tshwane University of Technology logo and navigation links: HOME, RESEARCH SUPPORT, LEARNING SUPPORT, and ABOUT LIS. A sidebar on the left contains a link to [Reference Guides](#). The main content area explains the importance of academic integrity and lists five key principles for academic writing, each preceded by a book icon:

- Distinguish between your own ideas and the ideas and research of others,
- Verify the validity of your use of the ideas and research of others and follow up on the ideas and research of others as a matter of interest.
- Demonstrates that you are able to use reliable sources and,
- Critically assess the sources in support of the ideas put forward in your manuscript and draw your own conclusions
- Establishes credibility and authority of your own ideas and knowledge.

There are many referencing styles that vary according to discipline. Your lecturer/supervisor will indicate what style you must use. Tshwane University of Technology uses the styles adopted by Monash University.

A list of the styles can be accessed by clicking on the URLs below:

- [Brief guide to citing and referencing](#)
- [See Copyright Page](#)
- [The TUT Citation and Bibliographic Reference Guide](#)
- [APA 6th Citing and Referencing Style](#)
- [Harvard Reference Style Guide](#)
- [Beall's List of Predatory Open Access Publishers](#)

Parenthetical
styles

Numbered
styles

Documentary Note
styles

Parenthetical styles

- In-text reference of a citation ()
- Also called author-date style

Examples

- Harvard referencing style
- Modern Language Association (MLA) referencing style
- American Psychological Association (APA) referencing style

Numbered styles

- Arabic numbers [] or ^{superscript}
- Listed in order of appearance

Examples

- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) referencing style
- Vancouver referencing style

Documentary Note styles

- Footnotes or endnotes
- Notes indicated by digits with full reference at bottom of page / end of document

Examples

- Modern Humanities Research Association (MHRA) referencing style
- Oxford referencing style

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What needs referencing

Opinions

Statements/Claims

Graphs/Tables

Theories

Statistics

Population figures

Books and journals
Online content
Posters/Audio visuals
Yearbooks, Conference Proceedings
Manuscripts
Government Publications
Theses and Dissertations
Magazines and Newspapers

What does not need referencing

- Common Knowledge
- History dates
- Scientific truths

Common Knowledge

Information that the average person would accept as reliable without having to look it up.
Information that is not regarded as being controversial.

This includes:

- information that everyone or nearly everyone knows,
- information shared by a cultural or national group and
- knowledge shared by members of a certain field.

Reference list and a Bibliography

Reference List:

A list of all the sources that you cite in your manuscript.

Bibliography :

A list of all sources you use in writing your manuscript. It includes the sources you consult but not necessarily cite.

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<http://www.australianreview.net/journal/v9/n1/townsend.pdf>

Example Reference list : APA

Australian Bureau of Statistics. (2008). Childhood education and care (No. 4402.0). Retrieved from <http://www.abs.gov.au>

Beckett, S. T. (2008). The science of chocolate (2nd ed.). Cambridge, United Kingdom: Royal Society of Chemistry.

Branch, S., Ramsay, S., & Barker, M. (2008). The bullied boss: A conceptual exploration of upwards bullying. In A. Glendon, B. M. Thompson & B. Myers (Eds.), *Advances in organisational psychology* (pp. 93-112). Retrieved from <http://www.informit.com.au/humanities.html>

Cioe, J. (2012). The normal distribution [Lecture notes]. Retrieved from <http://moodle.vle.monash.edu.au>

Example Reference list: Vancouver

1. Hoppert M. Microscopic techniques in biotechnology. Weinheim: Wiley-VCH; 2003.
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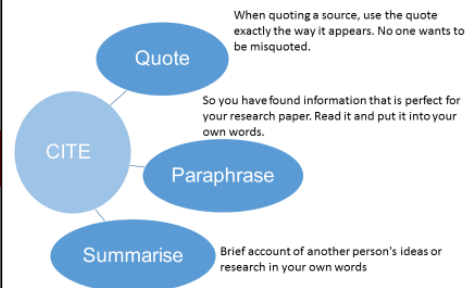
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