**Plagiarism**

Plagiarism means using someone else’s work without giving them proper credit. In academic writing, plagiarising involves using words, ideas, or information from a source without citing it correctly.

Universities detect plagiarism using specialised software that automatically compares submissions to a database of other texts.

## **Types of plagiarism**

In academic writing, there are various types of plagiarism you might encounter:

* Global plagiarism means plagiarising an entire text. This includes purchasing an essay or turning in an assignment completed by someone else.
* Verbatim plagiarism means directly copying someone’s words, without using quotation marks or citing the source.
* Paraphrasing plagiarism means rephrasing someone else’s ideas and presenting them as if they were your own original thoughts.
* Patchwork plagiarism means copying phrases, passages, and ideas from different sources and compiling them into a new text.
* Self-plagiarism means recycling previous work that you’ve already submitted or published.