


THE PLAGIARISM LECTURE

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What is plagiarism?

Plagiarism is stealing other people's ideas and/or writing and presenting it as your own.



Plagiarism includes:

- Using someone else's exact words without using quotation marks or a citation.
- Using someone else's ideas without using a citation (even if the source is in the bibliography).
- Using rearranged words from a source without a citation.



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- Using even one particular (distinct) word from a source without quotation marks (even with a citation).
- Using your own work from another course or essay without a citation.
- Citing one source when the citation is taken from another.



WHEN IN DOUBT:
FOOTNOTE!!!



*The only thing you do
not have to footnote is
your own ideas in your
own words.*



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- When taking notes, *clearly indicate* what are your ideas and what you are citing, through stars, brackets, different fonts, different colours, whatever works.



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- Always double-check your quotations to make sure you have cited the author correctly.



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- Why is plagiarism stupid?



- Please note: annoying your profs is *always* a bad idea, and *nothing* makes them more angry than suspected plagiarism



Academic Consequences of plagiarism

- 0 on the assignment
- 0 on the course
- Mark on your record with the Chair and/or the Dean
- Expulsion from the program
- Expulsion from the university
- Black mark that will prevent any chance of grad school or career in academia



Other consequences of plagiarism

- You don't learn whatever the assignment was intended to teach you
- You don't learn the time-management skills required to complete assignments on time
- Both of these will hurt you in your academic career and in the workforce



Other consequences of plagiarism

- You lose your honour and integrity
- You lose your prof's/colleagues' respect & trust
- In professions with codes of conduct or ethical codes, you can lose your job and entire career