Consequences of Plagiarism

- Plagiarism is the use of other people words or ideas without stating where these words or ideas came from.
- Academic Integrity means the honesty and responsibility towards learning, as well as being a source of information and perspective.
- Plagiarism of other people work **negatively** affects your **academic** and **professional integrity**.
  - It affects your **trustworthiness** as a source of information.

Can I get caught?

- Yes you can and you will.
- There are a number of ways to detect plagiarism:
  - A few key words or phrases is all that is needed to search the web to find the original source.
  - People will be able to recognize that what you wrote is someone else's work.
  - Writing style from your previous work will help with detecting if it's your work or not.

- o Programs such as Turnitin will also be able to identify plagiarism.

Tips to Avoiding Plagiarism

1. When note-taking from readings, record the bibliographical information of source material immediately.

2. Evaluate websites critically; much of the internet is unreliable.

3. If you do not understand plagiarism, ask your lecturer or attend a workshop by the Study Skills Advisor.

4. Always include both (1) in-text citations and (2) a reference list. A reference list alone is not enough, as the reader does not know which parts in the body of your essay were taken from which sources.

5. Put in-text references immediately next to the part that they relate to. Do not put vague references at the end of paragraphs.

6. Make APA format a habit.

7. For every line you quote, you should spend at least two lines analyzing and commenting on it.

8. Do not use word-for-word quotation all the time; use paraphrase and summary as well.

9. Do not use quotations for more than 10% of your work.

10. Know how to paraphrase and summaries effectively.

11. If in doubt, include a reference.

12. Plan your study (reading, working on assignments, revision for exams, etc.), so that you do not run out of time and are not tempted to plagiarize or cheat.