



Plagiarism: Why do we need to avoid it? How?

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Plagiarism

As you will be writing papers using information obtained from a number of resources (books, journal articles, websites), you should be aware of **plagiarism**.

Plagiarism is using other people ideas and words as your own without clearly acknowledging the source of that information.

Plagiarism



- It is a violation of the Adelphi University Code of Academic Integrity.
(<https://www.adelphi.edu/policies/academic-integrity/>)
- It is considered as cheating at Adelphi University.
- The Flow Chart:
<https://www.adelphi.edu/provost/academic/academic-integrity/>



Reasons for plagiarism

- Lack of time
- Lack of interest in learning
- Procrastinations
- Ignorance
- Taking chances of not being caught
- Desire for receiving better grades



Reasons for plagiarism

- Lack of research skills
- Lack of good writing skill
- Lack of self-confidence
- Lack of language proficiency
- Poor knowledge of Academic Honesty
- Lack of knowledge of how to cite work



Word-for-word plagiarism

- Ideas are borrowed and seven or more words are taken in sequence from the original source material.
- It lacks any of the following:
 - *quotation marks* surrounding the words taken from the original source,
 - the *in-text citation* with author name(s), the date, and/or the page number or other locator to indicate where the words are taken from,
 - full citation in the bibliographic *reference*.



How to Avoid plagiarism

- Read the source materials carefully and take your own notes based on your own understanding;
- Write documents in your own words with proper credits to the sources of information;
- Use “in-text” citation and cite the source in full at the end of your document as references;



How to Avoid plagiarism

- Use images (from the web or print materials) in your presentation slides or paper with a proper acknowledgement of sources;
- Ask your instructors and TAs when you are in doubt.



Paraphrasing

Restating the ideas presented in a document in your own words is known as paraphrasing.

Examples of good websites to learn about paraphrasing:

<https://writing.wisc.edu/handbook/assignments/quoting/sources/>

<http://urbiolabreports.wikidot.com/plagiarism>



Incorrect Paraphrasing: some examples

- Please visit the following website:

<https://academicguides.waldenu.edu/writingcenter/evidence/citations/incorrect>



Plagiarism & Lab Reports

- **Lab reports: Dos and Don'ts**

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Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Academic Integrity

If students use contents generated by AI tools in their coursework and present the contents as their own without disclosing the information, it would be considered plagiarism and violation of academic integrity.

- Read your course syllabus carefully to find out whether your course instructor provides any policy or rules or a statement about AI tools such as ChatGPT, Gemini, Copilot etc.



Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Academic Integrity

- If you cannot find any information about AI tools in your course syllabus, ask your course instructor's permission before using any AI tools in your coursework or assignments.
- Unauthorized use of AI without your course instructor's approval could be considered academic dishonesty.



Ethical Use of AI tools in Coursework or Assignments

- You should use AI tools responsibly and ethically for your coursework or assignments, if your course instructor permits the use of AI.
- Ask for guidance from your course instructor when you are not sure about how to use AI appropriately or how to cite it in your assignment.
- you should not copy and paste entire sentences or paragraphs of the AI-generated contents. In case you use entire sentences or paragraphs generated by AI tools, provide quotation marks and citations.



Ethical Use of AI tools in Coursework or Assignments

- You should cite AI when you use AI to generate a draft or edit your paper.
- Include an in-text citation. For example: (GPT-4, 2023).
- Acknowledge the use of AI in your Reference list or bibliography.



Cheating vs. Plagiarism

Plagiarism:

- A form of cheating;
- Copying information from a book, a journal article, a webpage, another person's lab report without giving any credit to the source of information;
- Using a work that you have already submitted for another assignment without asking your professor (Self plagiarism);



Cheating vs. Plagiarism

Plagiarism:

- Pretending other person's ideas or work as your own and using it in your assignment without giving any credit to the original writer or creator;
- Cutting and pasting information from a web page or a digital/ an electronic document and using it in your work without quotation marks or without disclosing the source of information; [quotation marks are rarely used in scientific writing]
- Buying a term paper or turning someone else's paper or lab report or lab data as your own;



Cheating vs. Plagiarism

Plagiarism:

- Creating a patch-quilt paper where you put together text and ideas from a number of sources without proper acknowledgement;

Cheating and plagiarism: Both are ethically and legally wrong. You shortchange yourself of learning experience if you cheat or plagiarize.



Let's Play...

- Plagiarism Game

<https://www.lycoming.edu/library/plagiarism-game/>



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