

Plagiarism

What is plagiarism?

Plagiarism means taking someone else's ideas and/or words and making them yours without providing the source of the information.

Why is it important to avoid plagiarism?

It is important to document your sources for many reasons including honesty, acknowledgement of another person's ideas, and to provide others with a means of exploring the topic further.

Plagiarism is considered scholastic dishonesty and is subject to discipline such as receiving an F for the course work.

How can you avoid plagiarism?

- Give credit to a direct quote by using quotation marks.
- Paraphrase or summarize ideas rather than quoting them verbatim. (Credit still needs to be given to the original source.)
- When using charts, pictures, etc. Give credit to the source.
- Use in-text citations.
- Create a bibliography of sources to include with the finished assignment.

When in doubt, cite your source!!

For more information:

“Plagiarism and How to Avoid it (Guidelines for Students)”

Writing Center at Empire State College

Genesee Valley Center, Rochester, NY

http://www1.esc.edu/personalfac/hshapiro/writing_program/orientation/main/plagiarism.htm

“Avoiding Plagiarism”

Online Writing Lab-Purdue University

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_plagiar.html