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* PLAGIARISM :

Plagiarism means presenting someone else's work or ideas as your own, with or without their consent, by incorporating it into your work without full acknowledgement.

All published and unpublished material, whether in manuscript, printed or electronic form, is covered under this definition.

Plagiarism may be intentional or reckless, or unintentional. Under the regulations for examinations, intentional or reckless plagiarism is a disciplinary offence.

The necessity to acknowledge others' work or ideas applies not only to text, but also to other media, such as computer code, illustrations, graphs etc. It applies equally to published text and

data drawn from books and journals and to unpublished text and data, whether from lectures, theses or other students' essays.

The best way of avoiding plagiarism is to learn and employ the principles of good academic practice from the beginning of your university career.

Plagiarism is a breach of academic integrity. It is a principle of intellectual honesty that all members of academic community should acknowledge their debt to the originator of the ideas, words, and data which form the basis for their own work.

Passing off another's work as your own is not only poor scholarship, but also means that you have failed to complete the learning process. Plagiarism is unethical and can have serious consequences for your

Future career; it also undermines the standards of your institution and of the degrees it issues.

There are many reasons to avoid plagiarism. You have come to university to learn to know and speak your own mind, not merely to reproduce the opinions of others, at least not without attribution. At first it may seem very difficult to develop your own views, and you will probably find yourself paraphrasing the writings of others as you attempt their arguments.

However it is important that you learn to develop your own voice. You are not necessarily expected to become an original thinker, but you are expected to be an independent one. by learning to assess critically the work of others, weigh up differing arguments and draw your own conclusions. Students

who plagiarise undermine the ethos of academic scholarship while avoiding an essential part of the learning process.

You should avoid plagiarism because you aspire to produce work of highest quality. Once you have grasped the principles of source use and citation, you should find it relatively straightforward to steer clear of plagiarism.