

Plagiarism Essentials

In US American academic culture it is wrong to use someone else's work without proper citation.

What exactly is plagiarism?

Intentional Plagiarism

- Purchasing a paper
- Getting someone else to write your paper or any part of it
- Not citing sources—even a few words—so a professor thinks the material is yours

Unintentional Plagiarism

- Paraphrasing too closely from the original source
- Neglecting to put quotations around direct quotes
- Listing all sources at the end of the paper without citing them internally in the paper
- Not following the rules of the appropriate citation style (APA, MLA, Chicago, etc.)

Why is plagiarism wrong?

- In American academic culture, it is considered theft of work belonging to other people
- It is unjust to other students who have earned their grades
- It deprives you of a learning opportunity
- It makes it seem like you haven't considered the relevant scholarship on your subject
- It deprives your reader of a chance to refer to your sources
- It devalues your degree

What are the consequences of plagiarism at F&M?

- You could receive a failing grade for the assignment.
- You could receive a lower grade for the course.
- You could outright fail the course.
- You could be placed on a disciplinary suspension requiring you to return home for one semester. This suspension would remain on your transcript until graduation, at which time you could petition to have it removed.
- You could be expelled from the College.

References and Resources on Plagiarism

Using Outside Sources: A Student's Guide to Paraphrasing, Quoting & Acknowledging Sources
<http://www.fandm.edu/uploads/files/66330775187797278-using-outside-sources.pdf>

Indiana University Bloomington: How to Recognize Plagiarism
https://www.indiana.edu/~istd/plagiarism_test.html

Why is cheating/plagiarism wrong and what will happen if i'm accused of academic misconduct?.
<http://web.kennesaw.edu/scai/content/why-cheatingplagiarism-wrong-and-what-will-happen-if-i'm-accused-academic-misconduct>