Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: A resource for students

When you, as an ECU student, submit an assignment, you sign the cover sheet to confirm ownership of the work and that any material from other sources has been correctly acknowledged.

All students need to show academic honesty by referencing correctly and not plagiarising.

Statement on assignment cover sheet

Students sign:
I certify that the attached assignment is my own work and that any material drawn from other sources has been acknowledged. This work has not previously been submitted for assessment in any other unit or course.

What is Plagiarism?

Plagiarism is “to knowingly or unknowingly present as one’s own work the ideas or writings of another without appropriate acknowledgement or referencing” (Edith Cowan University, 2012).

“Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to:

- Paraphrasing text without correct acknowledgment of the source(s);
- Copying the text of another student’s assignment; and/or
- Copying of visual representations (e.g., cartoons, line drawings, photos, paintings and computer programs) without correct acknowledgment of the source” (Edith Cowan University, 2012, p. 1).

Plagiarism is different from paraphrasing. Paraphrasing is using your own words to restate someone’s ideas and must be correctly referenced.

How to Avoid Plagiarism

Ways for students to avoid plagiarism and its consequences are:

- Learn what plagiarism is – watch the videos from the resources list;
- Reference correctly;
- Check journal articles in your field – see how they cite and list references;
- Learn how to summarise and paraphrase, cite and list references correctly;
- Use Turnitin to check how much of your work is original when you are writing your assignments;
- Use Endnote software to save, list & cite your references; and
- See your learning advisor.
How to cite and list references

1. See examples of citing a reference (Edith Cowan University, 2012)
2. Check the ECU Referencing guide.
3. Check a journal article in your field.
   - See how references are cited in the text for books, journal articles and other sources.
   - See how references are listed for books, journal articles and other sources.

How to summarise or paraphrase

1. Select a page from a textbook or journal that you want to read.
2. Read the page. You may like to read aloud.
3. List the reference using APA style.
4. Put the page away so you cannot see it.
5. Write 3 key words from the page.
6. Without looking back at the page, use your 3 words to write a short paragraph in your own words to summarise the page.
7. Pair activity: Share your summary with one other student.
8. Read the page again.
9. Check your summary.

How to use references

Read several references on the same topic. Write the main ideas from each. Then write a paragraph in your own words combining these main ideas from the references. You must cite each piece of information with a reference.

References


Resources on Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

University Rules: Academic Misconduct Rules (Students)

ECU Plagiarism

ECU Plagiarism: Academic tip sheet

ECU Plagiarism: Your responsibility
http://www.ecu.edu.au/service-centres/LIBRARY/pilot/Site_Resources/module6/6_5/6_5_1.html

ECU Referencing Guide
http://ecu.au.libguides.com/c.php?g=410550
ECU Student Charter

YouTube Video Clips on Plagiarism

A Guide to Plagiarism (7.32 minutes) - ghost writer, photocopy, remix, customer, misinformer
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VnTPv9PtOoo

Avoiding Plagiarism: what do I need to cite? (1.05 minutes)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atTRlg6iaGo&feature=fvwrel

Ethics Video Series: Plagiarism (6.29 minutes)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDaKowkuuyc&list=LP7fl-IkcfDzM&index=6&feature=plc

Plagiarism (1.25 minutes)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nUAITrYV6j4

Plagiarism: How to avoid it (2.50 minutes)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=endscreen&NR=1&v=2q0NIWcTq1Y

What is plagiarism? (2.17 minutes)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4P05vqxDoPU