

# What Every Grad Student Needs to Know About Avoiding Plagiarism



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# Agenda

Welcome!

Plagiarism: a holistic approach

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# Plagiarism: a holistic approach





# Plagiarism: a holistic approach



# Review of Research Misconduct: FFP

## Fabrication of data:

Making up data or results and recording or reporting them

## Falsification of data:

Manipulating research materials, equipment, or processes, or changing or omitting data or results such that the research is not accurately represented in the research record

## Plagiarism:

The appropriation of another person's ideas, processes, results, or works without giving appropriate credit

# Journals

## 3.1.1 Plagiarism



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Plagiarism takes many forms, from ‘passing off’ another’s paper as the author’s own paper, to copying or paraphrasing substantial parts of another’s paper (without attribution), to claiming results from research conducted by others. Plagiarism in all its forms constitutes unethical behaviour and is unacceptable.

# Let's play the match game...

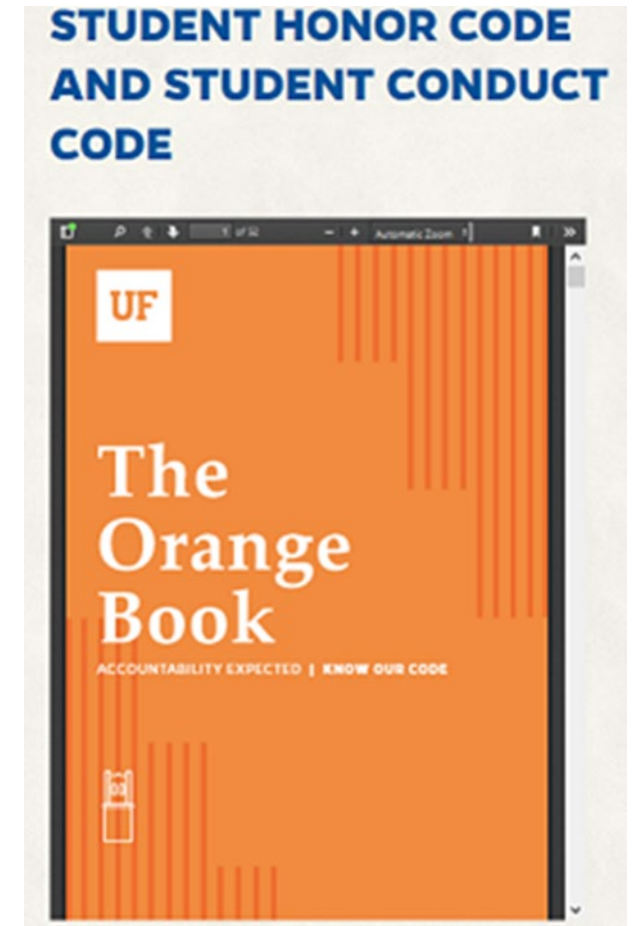
- Stealing
  - Patchwriting
  - Misquoting
  - Self plagiarism
  - Insufficient paraphrasing
- a) Using words and phrases from a variety of sources, and creating new sentences
  - b) When the words and phrases you are using are too similar to those of the original source
  - c) Taking the exact words from an original source and adding to it
  - d) Passing off another's writing as your own
  - e) Reusing your own work without acknowledgement



# Plagiarism: UF definition

E. PLAGIARISM. A Student must not represent as the Student's own work all or any portion of the work of another. Plagiarism includes but is not limited to:

1. Stealing, misquoting, insufficiently paraphrasing, or patch-writing.
2. Self-plagiarism, which is the reuse of the Student's own submitted work, or the simultaneous submission of the Student's own work, without the full and clear acknowledgment and permission of the Faculty to whom it is submitted.
3. Submitting materials from any source without proper attribution.
4. Submitting a document, assignment, or material that, in whole or in part, is identical or substantially identical to a document or assignment the Student did not author.



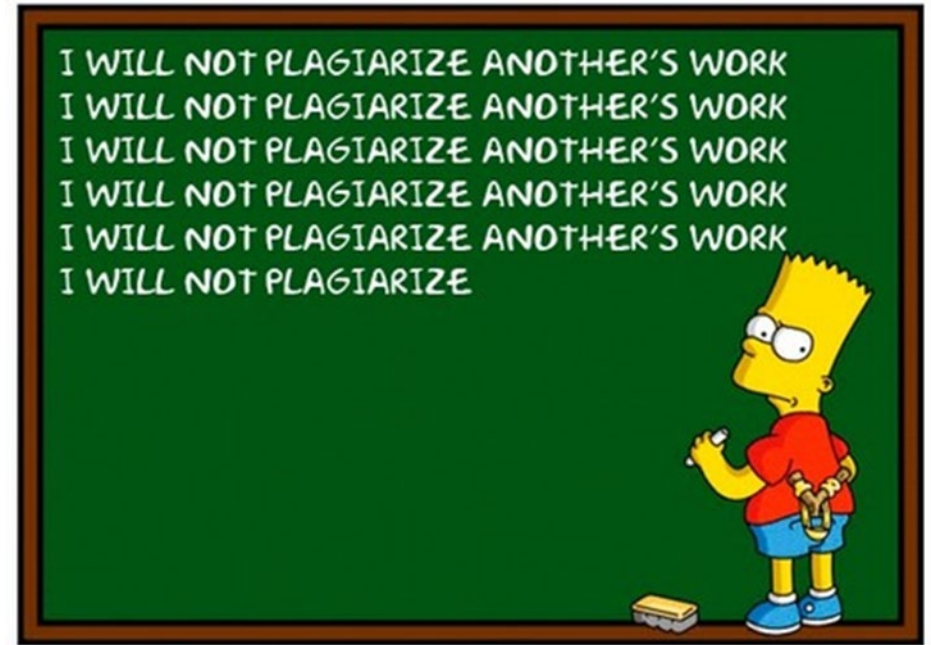
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# Question?????

Why do you think students would plagiarize?

- Not interested in the assignment
- Lack of time to complete an assignment
- Not comfortable/knowledgeable with the topic
- Do not know the rules for citing properly



<https://www.scoop.it/topic/plagiarism-by-grade6a/p/4003422434/2013/06/18/bart-simpson-plagiarize-png-516x360-pixels>

# Examples

# Even potential participants of a research integrity conference commit plagiarism, organizers learn

*One would hope that researchers submitting abstracts for a meeting on research integrity would be less likely to commit research misconduct. But if the experience of the 6th World Conference on Research Integrity is any indication, that may not be the case.*



<https://retractionwatch.com/2019/01/10/even-potential-participants-of-a-research-integrity-conference-commit-plagiarism-organizers-learn/>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-47156917>

**High-profile health policy researcher Gilbert Welch out at Dartmouth after plagiarism charge**

**University recommends retraction of two computing papers for plagiarism**

**Jill Abramson: Ex-New York Times editor accused of plagiarism**

Why he did it: Jayson Blair opens up about his plagiarism and fabrication at the New York Times

**Senior NHS heart doctor who blamed his computer's spellcheck when he was accused of copying 90 per cent of his essay is suspended for nine months**

[Retractionwatch.com](https://retractionwatch.com); [reporterslab.org](https://reporterslab.org); [dailymail.co.uk](https://dailymail.co.uk)

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# Is this plagiarism?

- For instance, Rivenburg wrote:

"Indeed, with the exception of furniture and major appliances, it is possible to outfit **an entire** home in Christian products - bird feeders to body lotions, luggage to lamps."

- Twitchell in "Shopping for God" wrote:

"Indeed, with the exception of furniture and major appliances, it is possible to outfit **your entire self and** home in Christian products - bird feeders to body lotions, luggage to lamps."

## UF professor who plagiarized retires

**By Cindy Swirko**  
Staff writer

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A University of Florida professor who was suspended Dec. 31 for acknowledging last year that he plagiarized the work of others has retired after a 35-year career at UF.



# Is this plagiarism?

NY Times, April 26, 1987: New Zealanders thrive on U.S. sheep shearing

With a **heave**, **John Burt** pulled the sheep on its back and pinned it between his legs. Then, reaching for his clippers, he went to work.

Gazette (Colorado Springs), June 6, 2009: *It's time for Colorado's sheep to get a trim*

With a **little persuasion**, **Bob Schroth** pulled the sheep onto its back and pinned it between his legs. Then, reaching for his clippers, he went to work.

From Editor's note: a breach of trust, by Jeff Thomas, Gazette, July 7, 2009. Online at <http://www.gazette.com/articles/gazette-58112-stories-four.html>

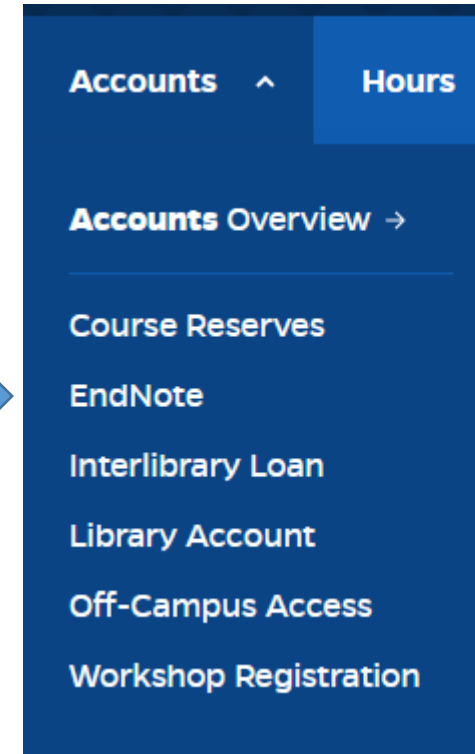
# Resources



# Citation Managers

<https://marston.uflib.ufl.edu/>

- Store, organize and manage citations
- Export citations from databases to the citation Manager
- In-text citations & bibliography creation in Word



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BIBTEX



# Become familiar with citation styles

- [https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue\\_owl.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.html)
- Review Roig's Guidelines
- Visit the [UF Writing Studio](#)



# Final thoughts...Best Practices

Remember, acts of research misconduct destroy your reputation, the public's confidence in science, and the scientific record

Educate yourself, know what the right thing is, and do it (even when no one is looking)

Incorporate ethical behaviors, professionalism, and accountability into your work everyday

Always practice the responsible conduct of research—if you don't know, ask!

If you see something suspicious, say something

Questions?

Thank you!

