Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

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

All students need to be informed about academic honesty, how to reference correctly and how to not plagiarise.

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 Teach Students to Avoid Plagiarism?

Some ways to teach students about plagiarism and its consequences are:

‣ Show the assignment cover sheet;
‣ Model correct referencing;
‣ Facilitate student activities to learn how to summarise and paraphrase;
‣ Facilitate student activities to learn how to cite references and how to list references correctly;
‣ Mark and provide feedback in assessments of these skills.

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.
How to teach students to cite & list references

1. Give a link to the ECU Referencing guide to your students or copy the page on citations.
2. Give students a journal article that may be useful for their assignments and discuss it.
   ‣ Show and discuss the list of references for books, journal articles and other sources.
   ‣ Show and discuss the literature review and how references are cited.

How to teach students to paraphrase

1. Select a page from a textbook or journal that you want the students to read.
2. Students read the page in class. You may like to have a student read it aloud.
3. Ask students to cite and list the reference.
4. Collect the page so students cannot see it.
5. Ask students to write 3 key words.
6. List all words from students on the board.
7. Without looking back at the page, students use their 3 words to write a short paragraph in their own words to summarise the page.
8. Pair activity: Ask students to share their summaries with one other student.
9. Hand out the page again and ask students to check their summary.
10. Show an example with the correct citation and reference.

How to teach students to use references

Use the activity for paraphrasing but give 3 or more references on the same topic. Students write the main ideas from each then they write a paragraph of their own words combining these main ideas.

References


Resources on Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

Edith
ECU Academic misconduct and plagiarism
ECU 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

ECU Student Charter

ECU University Rules: Admission, Enrolment and Academic Progress Rules

### 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=qDaKowkuyc&list=LP7fI-IkcfDzM&index=6&feature=plc

**Plagiarism (1.25 minutes)**
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nUAlTrYV6j4

**Plagiarism: How to avoid it (2.50 minutes)**
http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=endscreen&NR=1&v=2q0NlWcTq1Y

**What is plagiarism? (2.17 minutes)**
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4P05vgxDoPU