Plagiarism

Plagiarism is one type of academic misconduct. Plagiarism is the act of taking and using someone else’s work or ideas as one’s own without proper acknowledgement.

This includes:

- Presenting another person’s work as your own original creation and submitting it for an assignment
- Presenting as original your own work from a previously assessed assignment
- Using someone else’s ideas without acknowledging whose ideas they are
- Not providing a reference to someone else’s work
- Not using quotation marks when using another person’s words

Make sure you are familiar with correct referencing. There are referencing guides available in the library. There are also copies of the APA Referencing manual in the library. You can also ask Library and Learning Services staff for help.

A brief reminder is:

- Write the source of any notes or copies you make from any documents at the time you are collecting information.
- Always use quotation marks when using someone else’s words and always acknowledge the source of your writing when you put another person’s ideas into your own words. Use quotations sparingly to support ideas. Refer to the Quoting, Paraphrasing and Summarising guide.
- Make sure that at the end of your work you include a list of all sources you have used, including, for each source: the author, when it was published, the title, where it was published, and who published it.

Remember that there are support systems available. If you do not understand any of this please ask EIT staff for help.

Further information is included in the EIT Academic Statute.

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