SOURCE USE AND PLAGIARISM POLICY

You are required to acknowledge information and quotations that you take from research. Broadly defined, the failure to cite sources is plagiarism, which is a serious offense. The Code of Academic Honesty for the University of Iowa, which originates in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, defines plagiarism as “Using the words, sentences, arguments, rhetorical structures, and ideas of another without proper citation and acknowledgment” (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences 2018).

However, acknowledging ideas taken from other sources is more challenging. Concepts that you encounter may be difficult to separate from your own thinking as you move forward. Therefore, keeping track of your research is essential. Take notes on where ideas, philosophies, and opinions originate. For more on this topic, see Purdue OWL’s safe practices for source use: https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/03/. Since all written work requires a References page, notetaking throughout your research will pay off.

You bear the responsibility to use sources correctly, but you will not be penalized for asking for help. If you have questions or concerns about how you are employing research during the drafting process of any assignment, come see our peer tutors.

Once your assignment has been submitted, any known instance of plagiarism, misrepresentation, or other fraudulent behavior will be penalized. Serious cases will receive a grade of zero and will be reported to the dean. This kind of academic misconduct violates university policy and can remain on your permanent academic record.

REFERENCES


