

Sample plagiarism statements for Syllabus:

## Sample Syllabus Statement

### Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty

The penalty for plagiarism or other cases of academic dishonesty can range from zero credit for the assignment of each student involved to reprimand and dismissal from the College itself.

Plagiarism includes any situation in which you present another person's words or ideas as your own. In essence, a person who does this is stealing intellectual property. In order to avoid charges of plagiarism, be sure to frame all material you borrow from another writer between a signal phrase (giving the original writer's name) and a parenthetical page citation: this is the method suggested by the Modern Language Association (MLA) that we will use in this course. Also be sure to indicate exact words taken from another writer with quotation marks.

Additional guidelines and examples for proper documentation are available in these places:

- Your handbook under "MLA Documentation" or "MLA Citation." (In Hacker's Rules for Writers, 4th ed., see sections 55a and 55b.)
- The University of Purdue On-line Writing Lab (OWL) at this link: [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r\\_mla.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_mla.html)

If a case of plagiarism seems deliberate and severe, I reserve the right to seek the removal of the student immediately from the course and to issue a letter of reprimand to the appropriate Academic Dean. (If the incident occurs after the withdrawal period, then the student will fail automatically.) According to the College Honor Code Procedure (40 040 046), penalties for academic dishonesty may range from reprimand to dismissal from the College.

- Severe cases of academic dishonesty involve having another person write all or part of a paper for you, handing in a paper purchased from the Internet (or any other provider of college papers), or even covertly submitting a previously written paper for credit in another course (since you would not be acknowledging the previous original source). These abuses amount to intellectual fraud.
- In addition, receiving excessive help from a friend may count as academic dishonesty if the authorship of the writing is not entirely your own. I strongly urge you to seek help from Tri-C's writing centers since they will provide consultation while making sure all the writing remains entirely your own. To do anything else would be cheating your education.
- Academic dishonesty is a serious matter that affects eligibility for privileges including academic merits, student visas, and scholarships.
- If you are unsure of what plagiarism is or how to avoid it, please ask me. I will gladly help you use your sources responsibly. You may also wish to check out on-line information about fair use.

**YOUR PAPERS FOR THIS CLASS ARE SUBJECT TO BEING SCANNED FOR AUTHENTICITY AND PROPER CITATION OF DIRECT QUOTATION BY TURNITIN.COM ([HTTP://WWW.TURNITIN.COM](http://www.turnitin.com)). ANY PAPERS SENT TO TURNITIN.COM MAY BE STORED INDEFINITELY IN THAT SERVICE'S DATABASE.**

**IF YOU HAVE OBJECTIONS TO THIS USE OF YOUR SUBMISSIONS, YOU MUST COMMUNICATE YOUR OBJECTION IN WRITING TO YOUR INSTRUCTOR IMMEDIATELY AND NO LATER THAN THE END OF THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASS, AND YOU MUST USE [A STANDARD OPT-OUT FORM](#) AVAILABLE FROM YOUR INSTRUCTOR TO DO SO. OTHERWISE, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT YOU CONSENT TO THE USE OF TURNITIN.COM BY YOUR INSTRUCTOR.**

**FROM: [HTTP://DLC.TRI-C.EDU/PLAGIARISM/SYLLABUS.HTM](http://dlc.tri-c.edu/plagiarism/syllabus.htm)**

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On my syllabus, there is the following statement regarding ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

"Students are responsible for reading and understanding the College's policy in regard to Academic integrity. A printed statement defining plagiarism will be distributed, and its application will be enforced."

Here is that

### ***Plagiarism Statement***

Plagiarism is the act of turning into the professor as one's own work, the phrases, sentences, ideas, or graphics of another. Plagiarism may be of two kinds: deliberate plagiarism, in which the student consciously engages in disguising the origins of phrases, sentences, ideas or graphics in order to deceive the professor into thinking that they are the student's own invention. Such a practice is a flagrant violation of academic integrity, and is subject to a variety of punishments, including expulsion from school. All such cases of plagiarism will be reported to the Dean. Fortunately, they are a rare occurrence.

More frequently encountered, however, is what could be termed inadvertent or careless plagiarism. In these cases, through sloppy note-taking, mental laziness, speedy composition (at 3:30 am of an all-nighter), or ignorance of proper citation procedures, without deliberately engaging in a serious attempt to deceive the professor, the student nevertheless commits plagiarism. Most often this occurs in a failure to attribute the specific source of a paraphrased idea, or the use, without quotation marks, of phrases and sentences which are not of the student's composing. Despite the absence of intention to deceive, such practices are still a form of plagiarism, and violate academic practices. Hence, these too are subject to a variety of punishments, including flunking the assignment or even the course.

According to University policy, "it is the student's responsibility to understand and abide by these standards of academic honesty. The student is also responsible, independent of the faculty member's responsibility, to familiarize himself/herself with the details of how plagiarism is to be avoided, and the proper forms for quoting, summarizing, and paraphrasing." [Advisor Handbook III, Academic Procedures, p. 10]

While I trust you will give serious attention to your responsibilities in this area, I would like to add the "Heineman Clarification" to the other definitions which you may encounter.

***"Five words or more in sequence have to be cited by quotation marks and proper attribution."***

From: <http://www2.bc.edu/~heineman/plag.html>

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The WSU Student Code defines plagiarism as "the unacknowledged (uncited) use of any other person or group's ideas or work" (Section 6-22, part IV, subsection D). Any attempt to claim credit another's work, in whole or in part, is a violation of this policy and is regarded by the Composition Program as a serious offense. Penalties for plagiarism are at the discretion of each instructor, and may range from, but are not limited to the following: requiring the student to redo the plagiarized assignment, awarding the student a grade of zero on the assignment or awarding the student a failing grade for the course.

From: <http://faculty.weber.edu/adjunct/teaching.html>

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### **Plagiarism Statement**

Plagiarism will not be tolerated in any form. It will result in a failing grade for the course and possible expulsion from the college, so be extremely careful about documentation to validate your work in every facet of the course.

From: [http://www1.fccj.edu/desimone/syllabus\\_the2000.htm](http://www1.fccj.edu/desimone/syllabus_the2000.htm)

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### ***Plagiarism Statement:***

*The Boston University Academic Conduct Code defines plagiarism as "Any attempt by a student to represent the work of another as his or her own." Whenever you are dealing with the ideas of another, it is prudent to err on the side of caution and account for the source. The Academic Conduct Code may be found on-line at: <http://www.bu.edu/cas/undergraduate/conductcode.html>.*