Top 10 Plagiarism Errors

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Agenda

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How serious is plagiarism?

Plagiarism is a serious academic offense that impacts a student’s integrity. Because plagiarism is seen as academic dishonesty, a student who plagiarizes (whether intentionally or unintentionally) jeopardizes his or her credibility.
Preventing Plagiarism

- The good news is that plagiarism can be prevented.
- Recognizing the types of plagiarism is a good first step in preventing plagiarism.
- Once a writer recognizes the types of plagiarism, she or he can review citation formatting and other helpful resources to protect more fully against plagiarizing.
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9. Missing Quotation Marks

Quoting anywhere from part of a sentence to parts of a paragraph without quotation marks

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- When taking notes, make sure to put quotation marks around quotable text from a source.
- In case it is difficult to remember whether part of the paper needs quotation marks or not, do a search through the sources or through a search engine using a unique phrase from the material.
8. Copiously Quoting

Quoting (even with proper citations) too frequently

Solutions

- Paraphrase as a default and save quoting for when the language of the quotation is so precise that it cannot be paraphrased effectively.
- Make sure that most of your paper includes your original thoughts on the subject.
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5. Not Citing with Every Use

Using a source, citing it, and continuing to use ideas from the source without citing at the end of every sentence

Solution

- As you reread your paper, ask yourself after each sentence, “Does this sentence include ideas from an outside source, requiring a citation?”
- Use effective writing strategies like clear note-taking and the 80/20 guideline.
4. Piecemeal Paraphrasing

- Paraphrasing but not thoroughly, e.g. “every third word” method

Solutions
- Paraphrase thoroughly every time.
- If there are short phrases appearing in a sentence word-for-word from the source, use quotation marks around the phrases, even if the entire sentence is not quoted.
- Always put quotation marks around borrowed language of any length and cite the source.
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2. Misunderstanding the Assignment

Thinking that because an assignment is just for a discussion board or just uses the textbook there is no need for citing the sources

Solution: Always use and cite sources according to the assignment and in keeping with university policy.
1. Self-plagiarism

Re-using previous work when inappropriate

Solutions

- Make a composition completely new and unique to the purpose of the course being taken.
- Ask the professor before writing about the same topic again in the term.
- Revise drafts thoroughly from one draft to another, taking into account feedback from peers, tutors, and the professor.
Resources for Solutions to All 10 Errors

1. Self-Plagiarism
2. Understanding Assignments
3. Understanding Citation
4. Paraphrasing Video
5. APA Style Blog
6. Common Citations in APA
7. Reference List Video
8. 80/20 Guideline Podcast
9. Basic Citation Guidelines
10. Academic Honesty Policy
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