



Navigating the Dangerous Waters of Plagiarism

Responsible Conduct of Research

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Scholarship at NC State

- Research I University
- Western Educational Model
- Role of Assessment
- NC State Expectations
 - All work is your own
 - All work is unique to that assignment

Misconduct Types

- Cheating
- Plagiarism
- Aiding and Abetting Others to Cheat or Plagiarize

Plagiarism

- 10.1 Submitting written materials without proper acknowledgement of the source
- 10.2 Deliberate attribution to, or citation of, a source from which the referenced material was not in fact obtained
- The Code of Conduct as a Foundation...



Why Does this Happen?

- Student Doesn't Understand Expectations
 - Different programs
 - Different cultures/educational models/values
- Sloppy Scholarship
- Poor Time Management
- Looking for Short-Cuts
- Lack of Original Work

Avoiding Plagiarism

- Understand Expectations
- Work Planning
- Note Taking and Organization
- When in Doubt...

Citation Basics

- APA Style
 - American Psychological Association: Social Sciences
 - <http://www.apa.org/>
- MLA Style
 - Modern Language Association: Liberal Arts/Humanities
 - <http://www.mla.org/>

Citation Basics

- Quotations
 - Exact language
 - Myth of size limit
 - Ideas (exact language always), facts (sometimes), and common knowledge (no need)
 - Faculty expectations vs. style manual

Citation Basics

- Paraphrase
 - Your words, other persons ideas
 - Parenthetical reference, footnote
- Summary Statements
 - Short and concise
 - Footnote, end of summary

Other Resources

- Office of Student Conduct
 - http://www.ncsu.edu/student_conduct
- Center for Academic Integrity
 - www.academicintegrity.org
- Rutgers
 - www.library.camden.rutgers.edu/EducationalModule/Plagiarism
- Ryerson
 - www.ryerson.ca/academicintegrity/tutorial.html

