



<http://www.plagiarism.com/>

What is plagiarism?

Plagiarism means the use of words or ideas from another source as if they were one's own. It may occur as a result of lack of understanding and/or inexperience about the correct way to acknowledge and reference sources. It may result from poor academic practice, or it may occur as a deliberate misuse of the work of others with the intent to deceive.

Examples of Plagiarism

Plagiarism may include, but is not restricted to:

- a) **Presenting extracts from another source without quotation marks and/or without appropriate referencing;**
- b) **Close paraphrasing of sentences or whole paragraphs without the correct acknowledgement by referencing of the original work;**
- c) **Adopting ideas or structures from a source without acknowledgement;**
- d) **Arranging for someone/something else to undertake all or part of a piece of work and presenting that work as one's own;**
- e) **Reusing an assessment already submitted in the same or another unit;**
- f) **Submitting another student's work**

Whilst it is permissible to discuss and share ideas when working on assessable material, the writing of the material, in particular the expression of the ideas and arguments must be the student's own. Unless students have received approval to submit a collaborative effort, submitting material that is substantially the same as that submitted by another student, current or previous, is regarded as plagiarism. The re-submission of a student's own work that has previously been submitted in another course or unit is also plagiarism.

A student who makes available their own material for the purpose of allowing another student to copy it or otherwise assists another student to commit plagiarism is liable to the same penalties as those who have submitted plagiarised material.



For more resources on how to reference correctly and to avoid plagiarism go to the [CDU Library Plagiarism section of the Referencing Guide](#).

Checking Work for Plagiarism

All assignments submitted through Safe Assign on Learnline will automatically be checked for plagiarism at the time of submission. SafeAssign is a text-matching facility. It will highlight ALL MATCHES regardless of whether they are plagiarised or not. The percentage matching score on the SafeAssign report is not equivalent to the amount of plagiarism in the assignment. **The onus is on the student and lecturer to check correct referencing and decide, for example, whether a commonly used phrase is deemed plagiaristic or not.** The matching sections need to be checked for correct/incorrect citations. If the sections that match in your assignment are correctly cited, then you will not need to correct your referencing. To see a sample SafeAssign report and some tips on how to interpret the report go to: <http://libguides.cdu.edu.au/c.php?g=519508>

Please note - there is now a draft submission point as well as a final one. So, if you know you have trouble with referencing and think you may need to correct your referencing, please submit the assignment in the draft submission point before the due date so that you can review and improve it before you submit your final version before or on the due date.

Penalty for Plagiarism



THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES FOR PLAGIARISM WILL APPLY:

- a **referral to language and learning support;**
- b **reduced marks, or zero marks** for the work in question;
- c recording **a fail grade for the assignment or unit.**

In deciding the penalty to impose, the following is considered:

- a) The extent of the plagiarism
- b) The student's background and prior experience in tertiary studies
- c) Previous plagiarism incidents
- d) The student's knowledge and intent

Refer to the *CDU Student Academic Integrity policy* for further details: [Student Academic Integrity Policy / Governance Document Library \(cdu.edu.au\)](#)