

PLAGIARISM STATEMENT

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Plagiarism is presenting the writing of another person as one's own words or thoughts without giving proper credit. Plagiarism often involves copying someone else's writing word for word. However, paraphrasing without giving credit is also plagiarism.

Plagiarism is most frequently found in the unacknowledged use of:

- 1) another's ideas, analyses, or interpretations;
- 2) another's phrases and sentences;
- 3) another's ideas, even though paraphrased; that is, restated in other words;
- 4) another person's help in text preparation.

In any presentation of writing, it is the ethical responsibility of the writer to identify the conceptual sources of her or his work. Failure to do so is dishonest.

When specific language or specific ideas of others are either reproduced or paraphrased in the work submitted, failure to indicate the source with quotation marks and/or citations constitutes plagiarism. Such action is subject to disciplinary action. *Possible disciplinary action for plagiarism is failure on the assignment, no credit for the assignment (zero points), or failure in the course.*

Further action beyond the course may be taken at the departmental level and the University level. These actions include disciplinary reprimand, censure, probation, suspension, or expulsion, as described in the *SIU-C Student Conduct Code*.

Any penalty resulting from an accusation of plagiarism may be appealed through the normal University grievance process.

(Above adopted from SIU-C Department of Computer Science Policy on Cheating and Plagiarism; Homewood-Flossmoor (IL) High School Policy; Fowler, *The Little, Brown Handbook*, 2nd edition, Boston: Little, Brown, 1983; and *SIU-C Student Conduct Code*.)