

Plagiarism: A How-^{NOT}To Workshop

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What is plagiarism?

Plagiarism is the act of presenting another person's ideas as if they are your own. It's a type of fraud and it constitutes academic dishonesty.

What are the penalties for plagiarizing at UTC?

If your professor determines that you've plagiarized, you may fail the assignment or even fail the course. In such a case, you or your professor may request a hearing before the Honor Court. If the Honor Court upholds your professor's decision, additional penalties may be imposed ranging from disciplinary probation to suspension to expulsion from UTC.

How do I avoid plagiarism?

The most direct way to avoid plagiarism is to make sure that all of the work you submit at UTC is your own. Of course, that's easier said than done; many of your assignments will require you to incorporate information from a wide range of books, articles, and websites. How can you avoid plagiarism?

1. Understand the difference between quoting, summarizing, and paraphrasing.
 - a. See the writing center
2. Use a consistent citation style.
 - a. Get your hands on a style guide (APA, MLA, Chicago, CSE, etc.)
 - b. Visit the Purdue OWL (Google "Purdue OWL" or visit <http://owl.english.purdue.edu>)
 - c. Ask a librarian (it's our job!)
3. Keep track of *every* source you look at.
 - a. Notecards? A Word doc? EndNote? Tattoos? Whatever it takes: if you find information, write down where you found it.
4. When in doubt...*ask!*

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