

How to Avoid Plagiarism



Learning Outcomes

When you have completed this tutorial you should be able to:

- Describe what plagiarism is.
- Explain how to avoid plagiarism.
- Outline the purpose of plagiarism detection software.



What is Plagiarism?

- Plagiarism is a form of cheating.
- It is taking someone else's ideas or academic works and presenting them as your own. (ITT Dublin Institute Regulations Handbook, 2006, p.5).
- These works or ideas may be in printed or electronic format and include books, journal articles, newspapers, reports, graphs, charts, diagrams, images, websites, music, videos, movies.



Intentional

Unintentional

Intentional and Unintentional Plagiarism

Plagiarism can be either **intentional** or **unintentional**.

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Why Avoiding Plagiarism Matters

- A key academic skill is being able to use information sources effectively without plagiarising.
- Higher education helps you learn how to do independent research, develop critical thinking skills, improve academic writing, and present your own work.
- If you plagiarise, it limits your learning in terms of research, thinking, writing and presenting.
- Avoiding plagiarism may help you achieve better marks in your assignment.

Forms of Plagiarism I

- Using thoughts and ideas from a piece of work without crediting the original author.
- Directly copying a piece of work by another person.
- Copying text and changing the odd word or phrase without acknowledgement.
- Copying a diagram, image or photo from the Internet without reference to the source.



Forms of Plagiarism II

- Failing to use quotation marks when directly quoting someone else's words.
- Buying assignments or research papers from the Internet.
- Referencing sources you did not use in your assignment.

Note: Further details on referencing is available in the tutorial 'How to Reference your Sources'.

Plagiarism Quiz 1

Question

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your understanding of plagiarism.

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Academic Sanctions

Lecturer Knowledge

Academic Penalties for Plagiarising

Plagiarism is viewed as a serious academic matter within ITT Dublin and is a form of dishonesty.

All students must familiarise themselves with Institute policy and regulations on plagiarism.

These documents are available on the ITT Dublin website.

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Plagiarism Detection Software

- Plagiarism detection software, such as Turnitin, can be used to help lecturers detect plagiarism.
- Turnitin can be accessed through the Institute's virtual learning system Moodle.
- It allows both lecturers and students to submit assignments which are compared for originality.



Introduction



There are three steps to using Turnitin. Click each button below to view the steps. Click the images to zoom.



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Turnitin Originality Report I

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2 The originality report is separated in to different areas. Click each icon to learn more.

3 Similarity Index
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4 7. When you see a website you would like to go to, click the large image of the website and it will open in a new window. Using Moodle

Moodle is the learning management system used in the college. It is also referred to as 'elearning'. You can use Moodle to access course materials such as notes, assignments, and other resources. 1. Double-click the

Internet Explorer icon on the desktop. 2. The ITT Dublin home-page will be loaded. 1

3. In the Student Life section

on the right side of the home- page, click the 1

Take a look link. IT Handbook for New Students 27.

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Turnitin Originality Report II

- Turnitin searches for matching text.
- It does not distinguish between acknowledged quoted work and plagiarised text which has not been acknowledged.
- Lecturers must therefore review each originality report and decide if matching text in documents is plagiarised or not.



How to Avoid Plagiarism I

- Write your own ideas and words.
- Acknowledge all the sources you use.
- Do not make minor changes to a piece of text without referencing the material.



How to Avoid Plagiarism II

- Plan your work and make time for note taking and referencing your sources as you go along.
- Use quotation marks if using a quotation in your assignment and include a reference.
- When using Internet sources make a note of the web address and the date accessed.



Plagiarism Quiz 2

Question ▼

Plagiarism Quiz 2

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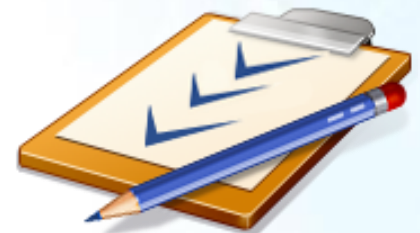


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