

Sources on Plagiarism

A Faculty Guide

Introduction

For as long as students have been writing research papers, preparing dissertations, and collaborating on group projects there has been the temptation to plagiarize, whether by intention or not. The reasons for this are many: poorly developed research skills, sloppy note-taking, lack of understanding about proper citation techniques, poor time management skills, procrastination, the challenge of “getting away with something,” insecurity about one’s writing abilities—the list goes on and on. The advent of the Internet and associated electronic sources, coupled with the ease of “cut and paste” operations, has made it easier than ever for students to claim the work of others as their own. The selective annotated source list that appears below was compiled to help faculty gain a better understanding of plagiarism, thus enabling them to guide students in this complicated area.

The UNA Faculty Handbook addresses plagiarism as follows:

“Plagiarism and cheating are regarded as serious offenses and may subject the student to academic and/or disciplinary penalties. Appropriate discretion on such matters is accorded the faculty member and the chair of the department, but the protection of the faculty member requires that charges of this nature should be based on clear evidence and that any action taken should be based on procedures which protect the rights of the student. Instances which appear to justify severe penalties should be cleared with the dean of the college and the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.” ([UNA Faculty Handbook](#) Chapter 7 section 6)

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