

Plagiarism: Mitigating an Unethical Conduct in Academics

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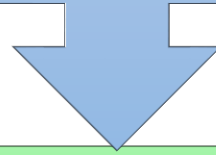


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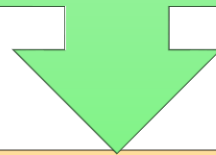
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Research Misconduct, Plagiarism and Its Causes

Research misconduct – “fabrication, falsification, or **plagiarism** in proposing, performing, or reviewing research, or in reporting research results” (Awasthi, 2019; Roig, 2010)



Plagiarism - “copying (or using) of others' work that (**accidentally or otherwise**) deceives a third party about the authorship (or ownership) of the work” (Yeo, 2007, p. 201).



Causes of Plagiarism (References: Jareb et al., 2018; Salleh, Starovoytova, 2017; Harji et al., 2017)

Institutional failure

Individual **attitude**

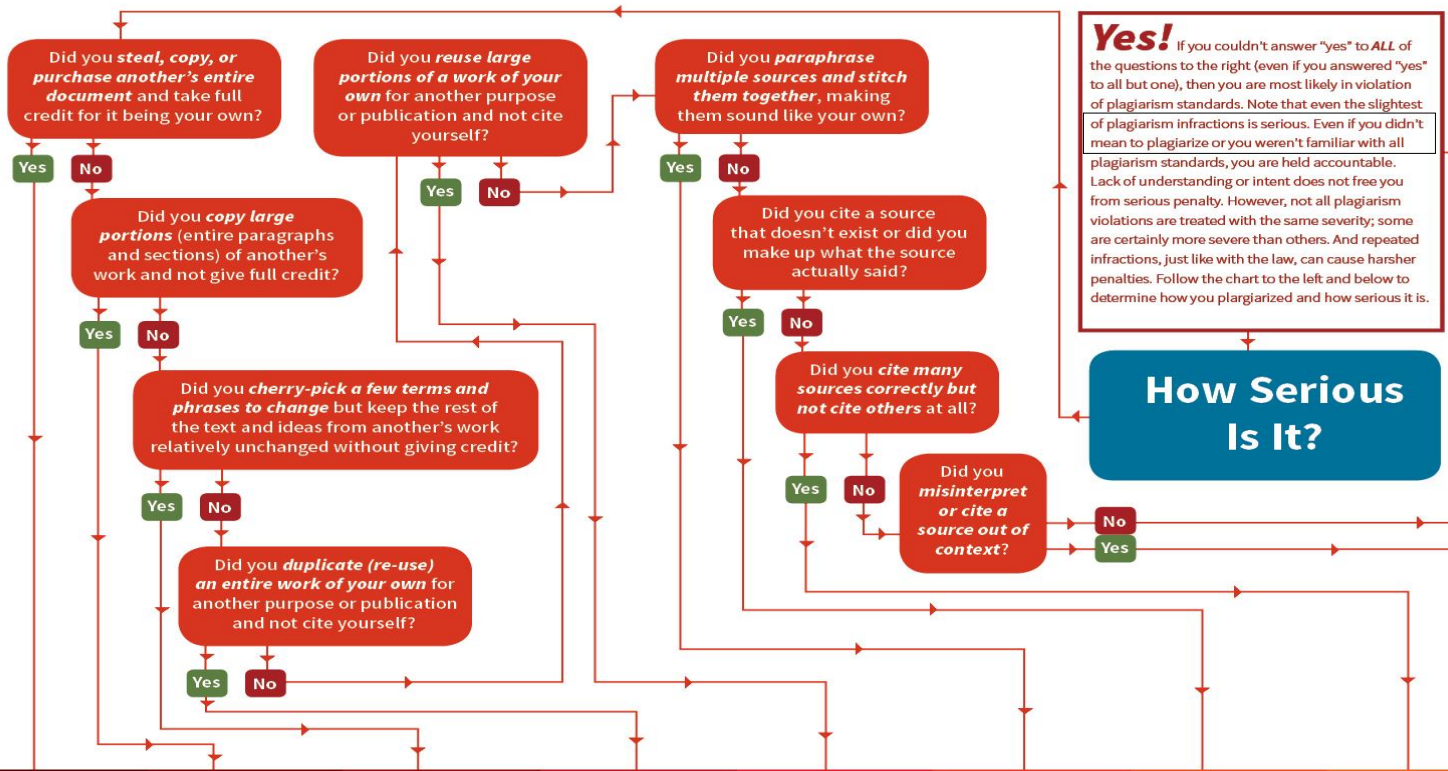
Lack of **awareness** about the concept of plagiarism

Lack of or poor **writing skills**

Improper **time management**

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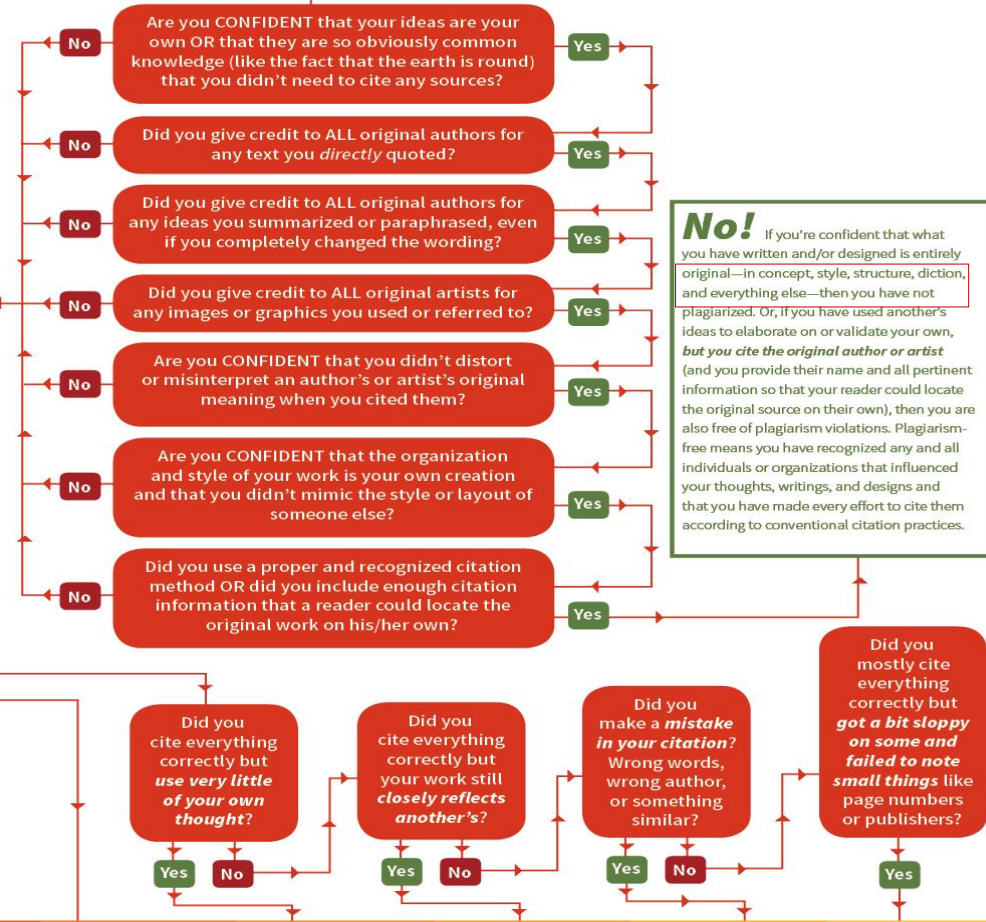
The Types and Severity of Plagiarism Violations



Yes! If you couldn't answer "yes" to ALL of the questions to the right (even if you answered "yes" to all but one), then you are most likely in violation of plagiarism standards. Note that even the slightest of plagiarism infractions is serious. Even if you didn't mean to plagiarize or you weren't familiar with all plagiarism standards, you are held accountable. Lack of understanding or intent does not free you from serious penalty. However, not all plagiarism violations are treated with the same severity; some are certainly more severe than others. And repeated infractions, just like with the law, can cause harsher penalties. Follow the chart to the left and below to determine how you plagiarized and how serious it is.

How Serious Is It?

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Insanely	Extremely	Terribly	Immensely	Profoundly	Hugely	Very, Very	Very	Remarkably	Quite	Notably	Somewhat	Mildly

Plagiarism Severity Meter: How Serious Is the Violation?

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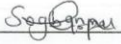
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Conclusion & Recommendations for Mitigating Plagiarism

Conclusion

- Be **intentional** about mitigating the unethical conduct of plagiarism!

Recommendations for Mitigating Plagiarism

- **Institutions** - invest in plagiarism softwares for staff and students
- **Academics** - Take responsibility for your own research conduct; **Write consistently & freely**
- **Plagiarism policy** - developed and advocated in tertiary institutions
- Mandatory **plagiarism courses and tests** - students and staff
- Continuous **orientation and training**
- Research methods and writing skills **training** for under- and postgraduate levels
- **Libraries** should play a significant role in this
- **Office of Research Integrity**

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