

Plagiarism at Kansas State University

K-State Honor and Integrity System

Definition of Plagiarism (taken from K-State Faculty Handbook, Appendix F):

“Plagiarism is taking credit for someone else’s ideas, work, or words. In a university setting, it means submitting academic, scholarly, or literary work in which you either claim or imply the material to be your own, when that is not the case. Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary, eleventh edition, defines plagiarism simply: “to steal and pass off the ideas or words of another as one’s own without crediting the source” (2003).”

From 100 cases reported to K-State Honor and Integrity System during the 2007-2008 academic year, 60 cases involved plagiarism (from K-State Honor and Integrity System Annual Report, <http://www.k-state.edu/honor/honorsystem/documents/AnnualReport07-08.pdf>).

Teaching to Avoid Plagiarism

- Citation Education (MLA/APA/Chicago)
- Online Plagiarism Quiz (<http://www.indiana.edu/~istd/test.html>)
- Handouts and Online Materials (<http://www.library.ualberta.ca/guides/plagiarism/handouts/index.cfm>)
- Understanding educational needs of your students (freshmen-graduate, international, etc.)

Minimizing Plagiarism from

(<http://www.cshe.unimelb.edu.au/assessinglearning/docs/PlagMain.pdf>)

- Teach students about authorship conventions and about how to avoid plagiarism
- Counter plagiarism through the design of assessment tasks
- Ask students for evidence that they have not plagiarized
- Make positive use of collaborative work
- Become familiar with resources that may be used for plagiarism
- Make use of detection software and other deterrents
- Respond quickly to incidents of plagiarism

Other Tips Regarding Plagiarism in the Classroom

- California State University - <http://www.library.csuci.edu/plagiarism/prevent.htm>
- University of Maryland University College - <http://www.umuc.edu/ewc/faculty/avoidingplagiarism.shtml>
- Plagiarism Declaration - <http://upetd.up.ac.za/authors/create/plagiarism/prevent.htm>
- Plagiarism Example - <http://www.k-state.edu/honor/students/plagiarismexample.html>