

First-Year Writing @ Clayton State University Plagiarism Policy

Academic Misconduct: All students will follow the [Student Code of Conduct](#). Plagiarism is a form of academic dishonesty in which you present another's ideas as your own. Plagiarizing means you thwart your own education and forego your responsibilities as a writer. Furthermore, you violate the ethical, academic standards of the academic community. These standards include the value of research and informed argument, open and honest debate and sharing of ideas, critical thinking about evidence, the careful presentation of research, and acknowledgment of the sources of ideas. We will devote class time to learning how to incorporate others' ideas honestly and effectively. In addition, your papers will be submitted to Turnitin.com, an online plagiarism detection site. Students who violate these policies in this course will receive a range of academic and disciplinary penalties; see below for definitions and consequences.

Guidelines for Writing from Sources and Consequences of Plagiarism

The following descriptions are designed to help explain plagiarism and its consequences to help you avoid it in your writing for this course. We will devote class time to learning and understanding how to use sources in your writing, how to research and take notes effectively, how to use and cite electronic resources, and how to get help from various writing aids and resources.

Problems in Writing-from-Sources:

Inaccurate Citation: Mechanics and Format: Students are expected to cite both written (print and electronic), oral, and visual sources consulted in papers and presentations. All borrowed ideas—both direct quotations and paraphrasing from another's work—require accurate citation, and direct quotations require quotation marks. Students should learn and use correct format for block quotes, quotations, and in-text parenthetical documentation. Source material should be introduced fully, and all borrowed ideas should be cited; Works Cited pages should be formatted correctly. Drafts of papers with inaccurate citation, mechanical citation problems, and/or minor Works Cited inaccuracies will require mandatory revisions; final papers with these problems will receive a letter grade deduction.

Plagiarism:

Insufficient Citation: Patchwriting and Derivative Papers: Students should fully introduce and cite borrowed material. Cutting and pasting passages from your source into your own paper without citation and turning in the paper as your own is plagiarism, as is directly quoting without using quotation marks. Undocumented paraphrasing is plagiarism: fully cite the source of your ideas. In addition, students are expected to paraphrase and summarize using their own stylistic features, not the source's, to avoid patchwriting (also called stylistic plagiarism). If your summary is too close to the original in a draft, keep working to synthesize it fully. In addition, students are expected to develop their own framework for their papers rather than borrowing their source's argument wholesale (even if acknowledged). Drafts with several examples of insufficient citation, papers that fail to develop original arguments, papers lacking a Works Cited page, or papers that

exhibit patchwriting will earn a lowered grade and will require mandatory revision; final papers will receive a 0 for the assignment for failure to meet the minimum requirements of papers in 1101/1102, and students will face disciplinary action as per the CSU Office of Student Affairs and [Community Standards](#).

False Submissions, Ghostwriting, or Fraud: Students are expected to write their own original papers for each assignment, from development of ideas and research to revision. Plagiarized papers include papers written by someone else (i.e. acquired or bought through the Internet, an organization, friends, family members, or another student); papers in which much of the material is cut-and-pasted from sources without correct documentation; and papers submitted by the student for another course/assignment. If such a paper is submitted for a rough draft, the student will receive a 0 for the draft and be required to do a mandatory revision and/or new rough draft before submitting a final paper. If students turn in such papers as final papers, the student will receive an F for the course and face disciplinary action as per the CSU Office of Student Affairs and [Community Standards](#).

Please note: Your paper submission, either face-to-face or online, is the version that counts, and you are responsible for making sure this is the correct version. Review your electronic and hard copies carefully.

If you have any doubt about whether or not you're plagiarizing, talk with your professor **before** submitting your paper.