

Plagiarism statement

According to the National Institutes of Health (2023), “Plagiarism is the appropriation of another person's ideas, processes, results, or words without giving appropriate credit.” In line with this NIH definition, the [MUSC Honor Code](#) defines plagiarism as “presenting the words, work, processes, or ideas of another as one’s own in academic work, without proper acknowledgement of the source.”

Words, processes, and ideas requiring acknowledgement may originate from a variety of sources, including printed works, speeches, presentations, recordings, machine generated (e.g. artificial intelligence), and/or Internet websites and documents. Citing the sources of words and ideas obtained from others is a requirement for ALL coursework. If a source is anonymous, as may be the case with some Internet documents, the source of the content must be cited using the conventions of the stated citation style. Prior to submitting an assignment, it is recommended to check your assignment with Turnitin. After receiving a Turnitin report on your writing, you should feel free to address issues raised by that report in a written message to your instructor.

Artificial Intelligence statement

Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools can be useful for learning and may be permitted or encouraged, with acknowledgement, in some cases, as described by the course instructor. Your course faculty will let you know whether and how AI resources can be utilized for each assignment. It is the student’s responsibility to cite all sources used in coursework and to ensure the information is accurate and credible. Use of AI, if allowed, should be acknowledged according to the expressed expectations of the course instructor and/or the citation style guide. AI is a fast-changing area being navigated by each user, discipline, and information scientists. Whenever in doubt, consult MUSC Librarians, who are our trained campus experts in this area.

Open discussion about any use of AI is an act of academic integrity entirely consistent with MUSC’s culture of academic integrity and Code, as long as it is done with honesty, openness, and a forthright attempt to communicate how the student used sources. Agreeing to an Academic Integrity Code means MUSC faculty and students can engage openly in discussions of academic integrity generally, and any Turnitin report on the student's writing. Doing so during the drafting process, instead of after a due date, is the best practice. If the instructor has concern that a student’s written work evidences any sign of plagiarism or inappropriate use of AI, the instructor will ask to meet with the student in order to discuss the student’s writing process.

Definition

Source – authors that are human or machine generated

Note

We view writing as a process and encourage students to utilize the Center for Academic Excellence and Writing Center and allow time for several revisions before submission for grading.

Reference

NIH. (2023, May 16). Research Misconduct – Definitions. Retrieved from: https://grants.nih.gov/policy/research_integrity/definitions.htm#:~:text=Plagiarism%3A%20The%20appropriation%20of%20another,words%20without%20giving%20appropriate%20credit.