

## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

### Plagiarism

Plagiarism is the *appearance* of taking credit for the work of others. Whether something counts as plagiarism is not determined by what the student personally intended. Students who do not intend to plagiarize but are negligent about ensuring that they have not copied words or ideas from other sources will be held to the same standards as those who intend to cheat. **In other words, students have a duty to avoid doing anything that appears to be plagiarism. Plagiarism is determined by what students do, not what they mean to do.**

Examples:

#### 1. Taking original ideas or words without citing

Taking original ideas or words from outside sources **without citing those sources** is plagiarism, and will result in an automatic zero on the assignment and a report to City Tech's academic integrity officer. Two such reports result in expulsion from the college.

#### 2. Copying significant words without using quotation marks (WRITING ASSIGNMENTS)

Copying any significant words from a source (other than scientific or technical terms, for which there are no alternatives) without putting them in quotation marks is plagiarism, **even if the source is cited properly**, or even if that source is assigned for class. Dr. MacDougall takes up to a 20% deduction off of any assignment that, although properly cited, copies significant words and does not put them in quotation marks. Remember that this deduction further reduces the grade already assigned to the student. If a student's submission lacks sufficient original work (for example, the student copies a significant portion of their assignment) then it will already be a low grade. (Students may receive a low grade for this reason even if they use quotation marks correctly).

#### Posting class materials online

Students may not share, post, or submit course materials (tests, quizzes, etc.) or any completed work submitted for this class (such as essays, quiz answers, etc). Students who reproduce exam or quiz questions, or their completed work, are subject to an academic integrity violation according to CUNY Academic Integrity policy.