Plagiarism and Paraphrasing

**Plagiarism**

What is it?

 **The use of another’s work presented as your own**.

 It is theft and dishonesty and ruins the very importance, value, and use of education.

**PLAGIARISM** will be taken very seriously and punished to the fullest extent in this class.

**In my sections, you will NOT be allowed to rewrite a plagiarized essay**. You will get the grade you earned – see below

There is **NO SUCH THING AS UNINTENTIONAL PLAGIARISM**.

 Do NOT risk it – if you have doubt – do NOT do it.

**You know what it is** – it was discussed in orientation classes, and you have the Student Code of Conduct available to you – **claiming ignorance of plagiarism is *NOT* an acceptable excuse.**

Plagiarism is a combination of lying and stealing, and you know what they both are. See below:

* Presenting anyone else’s words as your own **without proper citation** (see doc called ‘MLA Citation,’ for MaT Students, use APA citation)
* Presenting another student’s words from their essay as your own, whether you know that student or not
* Presenting the words of a book, article, or other **written source** as your own without proper citation
* Presenting the words of any **oral source** like a podcast or a YouTube or TikTok video as your own
* Hiring someone to write an essay for you which you present as your own work
* **Re-submitting an essay that you yourself have written in any other class, including previously in an FYS/EC or SYS class**
* Allowing someone who edits your essay who introduces plagiarized material in your essay – this is also plagiarism because if YOUR name is on the essay, YOU take FULL RESPONSIBILITY for it.
* Plagiarism is presenting someone else’s words as your own without proper citation **FROM ANY LANGUAGE** at all, not only English. If one copies a Russian, Kyrgyz, Dari, French, Swahili text and then translates it into English and does not give proper citation – this is also **PLAGIARISM**.

From the syllabus:

Students are expected to follow the **AUCA ACADEMIC HONESTY code**. All types of plagiarism are strictly prohibited. If a student fails to observe this requirement, the instructor may assign an “F” for the work or an “F” for the whole class, depending on the type of assignment and relevant circumstances. Students are expected to read and follow the section on Student Academic Dishonesty of the AUCA Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct:

<https://www.auca.kg/en/code_of_conduct1/>

* On the first occasion you are caught plagiarizing, you will fail that assignment.
* The second time, you fill fail the course.
* The third time, you may be subject to more severe penalties.

The Registrar, your academic advisor, and the FYS Director will all be informed of your plagiarism. You will also be REQUIRED to attend a mandatory WARC session on plagiarism.

**PARAPHRASING - WARNING – poorly done paraphrasing IS plagiarism**:

 To SUCCESSFULLY paraphrase – you **MUST**

 -UNDERSTAND what it is you are trying to paraphrase

 -change the words through synonyms

 -change the sentence structure

 -even then, you **MUST** give credit to the author by PROPER CITATION – they are the other authors ideas, not your own…

Examples of **bad paraphrasing**, = plagiarism:

 **Original**: “Sinjar’s attention was absorbed at this period by the struggle with his rebellious vassal, the Khwarazm-shah Atsiz,” (Barthold, p 323).

Bad Paraphrasing (= PLAGIARISM)

**Essay TEXT**: Sinjar’s attention was absorbed at this period by the struggle with his rebellious vassal, the Khwarazm-shah Atsiz.

 -the essay text author has plagiarized because -

 -these are exactly Barthold’s words, not yours…

 -no “”

 -no proper in-text citation (Barthold, p 323)

**Essay TEXT**: His attention was absorbed at this time by the conflict with his rebellious vassal, the Khwarazm-shah Atsiz.

 -the essay text author has plagiarized because he only substituted-

 -‘his’ (essay text) for ‘Sanjar’s’ in original

 -‘time’ (essay text) for ‘period’ in original

 -‘conflict’ (essay text) for ‘struggle’ in original.

 -no “”

 -no proper in-text citation

Essay Text: He was focused at this time by the conflict with the shah.

 -the essay text author has plagiarized because he has only substituted-

 -‘he was focused’ (essay text) for ‘Sanjar’s attention was absorbed’ in original

 -‘time’ (essay text) for ‘period’ in original

 -‘conflict’ (essay text) for ‘struggle’ in original.

 -the essay text author has dropped the entire clause ‘with his rebellious vassal’

 -‘the shah’ (essay text) for ‘the Khwarazm-shah Atsiz’ in the original

 -the sentence structure is the same

 -no “”

 -no proper in-text citation

ALL OF THE ABOVE **ARE** PLAGIARISM.

Any and all use of AI for any reason is considered plagiarism. See Syllabus for details.