

Plagiarism

Please read the University's [Plagiarism Policy](#) for further details

It is not acceptable to simply copy the words of other students or authors when completing the weekly exercises and assignments in this unit. This action constitutes plagiarism and is regarded as academic malpractice. The penalties for plagiarism can be severe and may include termination from your course of study. All direct quotes must be correctly attributed to the author and should be kept to a minimum. Also, you should include a list of references to acknowledge the source(s) of information used to produce any written work.

The School of Biomedical Sciences advises students that it will use screening software to check for plagiarism in submitted work suspected of containing plagiarised material and also for routine screening of text as deemed appropriate by the Head of School.

Useful examples and explanations of plagiarism may be seen at the following web site – These will help you in understanding the nature of this form of academic malpractice.

<http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/wts/plagiarism.shtml>

As a guide only, typical penalties which may be imposed by the School of Biomedical Sciences for some of the more common types of plagiarism (including collusion) are shown in the Table below. Please note that each case of academic malpractice is assessed individually, and that penalties actually imposed by the Head of School (or delgatee) may vary from the examples shown in the Table.

Example	Degree of seriousness	Typical Penalty
Students submitting very similar work (even as a result of legitimate co-operation)	Collusion Minor to Severe depending on context	Loss of marks for that question or assignment etc by both students
Not referencing input (factual statements, definitions etc) where students' words are used	Minor to Intermediate	Loss of 5% of assessment entity for each instance
Not referencing input where plagiarised words are used	Depends on context, but may be serious	Loss of 50 – 100% of marks for that question or assignment as appropriate
Not acknowledging ideas or concepts of others (ie. stealing intellectual property)	Serious misconduct	Loss of marks plus an additional penalty which could entail failure of unit and/or possible termination from course depending on the circumstances

For further information please refer to the University policy on plagiarism which can be downloaded from <http://policies.curtin.edu.au/students.html>.