As a member of the NUS community, you are required to uphold academic honesty in the pursuit and acquisition of knowledge.

The most common form of academic dishonesty is plagiarism. Broadly, it is presenting someone else’s work or ideas as your own, whether intentionally or not. This can include:

- Copying a chunk of text from an assignment and changing only a few words
- Re-using the same work for different assignments or courses
- Presenting someone’s argument as your own original work
- Hiring ghostwriters or others to do your work
- Copying homework or lab results
- Colluding with classmates in a test or take-home exam
- Inappropriate use of resources, e.g., copyright infringement
- Fabricating information, data, sources or citations

Consequences of academic dishonesty include:

- Reduced grades with no S/U option
- Failure of modules/assignments
- Expulsion from NUS

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Avoiding plagiarism:

- Cite whenever you:
  1. Directly quote from a source
  2. Paraphrase or summarise ideas/arguments from a source
  3. Reference your own work - you can be penalized for plagiarising yourself
  4. Use statistics/data/images/other works created by others

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What is the difference between quoting, summarizing and paraphrasing?

**Quoting**

Example

Carnegie notes that “There are a great many ‘wetless’ bathing suits worn at the seashore, but no one ever learns to swim in them. To plunge is the only way.”

**Summarizing**

Example

Carnegie draws parallels with real-life situations to explain that the best way to reduce the fear and self-consciousness associated with public speaking is to practice speaking before audiences as frequently as possible."

**Paraphrasing**

Example

Just as horses afraid of cars are cured of their fear by frequent exposure to cars, and just as one may not learn to swim unless one plunges into the water, the best way to overcome self-consciousness and fear of public speaking is to speak in front of an audience as often as possible.

NUS uses software like Turnitin to check the similarity of students’ work to other sources. Don’t try to beat the system, it’s not worth it!

For more information on NUS policy on academic dishonesty:
http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/administrative-policies-procedures/acceptance-record#NUSCodeofStudentConduct

For more information on citation and its various styles:
http://libguides.nus.edu.sg/citation

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If in doubt, please contact askalib@nus.edu.sg.

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