Plagiarism



Deliberate Plagiarism is unacceptable at any stage of the course as it is simply cheating. It also detracts from the academic and personal development aspects of the course.

Plagiarism is defined as:

- Copying another person's ideas and/or works, whether intentional or not, in whole or in part, from a print or non-print source, and using those ideas or works as one's own.
- Deliberate and/or consistent lack of proper documentation and citation in the project or paper.
- Using -text documentation that is not in the referencing of an assignment

Sometimes students do not realise that they are plagiarising and this can cause unnecessary distress, therefore it is important that you follow your tutor's guidelines on how to write assignments: cite and reference sources so that you do not plagiarise and check that you are clear of the definitions above. The penalties for plagiarism, according to three levels can be found in the BWY Plagiarism policy, which guides the tutor how to deal with incidents of this kind.

Internet usage

A common cause of Plagiarism is cutting and pasting from the Internet. It is not acceptable to cut and paste chunks of information off the Internet and present it as your own, nor is it acceptable to use another students' work as your own that may have been found on a website or elsewhere. All work must be cited, fully referenced and placed in quotation marks or set out as indented paragraphs. Remember your tutor will guide you how to do this, if necessary.

BWY wants its students to grow their own powers of research and presentation, to develop discernment in the materials included in assignments and to evidence that they are able to study a range of ideas and pull together their own thoughts from the various points of view, presented in different texts without stealing the ideas of another.

Further Reference:

BWY Plagiarism Policy document April 2012 available from Central Office