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Central Pennsylvania's Community College
LIBRARY & INFORMATION RESOURCES

How do I avoid plagiarism?

The most important items to remember when you are writing a paper or preparing a presentation are to....

- ✓ Start early - Assignment calculator <http://www.lib.umn.edu/help/calculator/>.
- ✓ Take good notes - Use index cards & try color coding to keep organized.
- ✓ Cite correctly - Remember to cite in the paper AND at the end.
- ✓ Consult with your instructor - If you have questions about the assignment.

WHAT IS PLAGIARISM?

“The practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own.”

The Oxford Dictionary of English (revised edition). Ed. Catherine Soanes and Angus Stevenson. Oxford University Press, 2005. *Oxford Reference Online*. Oxford University Press. Harrisburg Area Community College. 26 November 2007
<http://www.oxfordreference.com/views/ENTRY.html?subview=Main&entry=t140.e59316>

ADDITIONAL TOOLS TO HELP YOU AVOID PLAGIARISM

Citing Sources: Try these resources to learn how to cite correctly.

- HACC Libraries: <http://lib2.hacc.edu/research/cite.asp>
- OWL at Purdue: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>
- U of Wisc: <http://www.wisc.edu/writing/Handbook/Documentation.html>
- IU How to Cite: <http://www.libraries.iub.edu/index.php?pageId=337>

In addition to these sources, your campus library has style guides for MLA, APA, and others. Please check with a librarian if you have any questions.

Plagiarism Tutorials: If you are not sure what plagiarism is or how it can happen, visit these resources to learn more.

- You Quote It, You Note It: <http://library.acadiau.ca/tutorials/plagiarism/>
- SJSU's Tutorial: <http://tutorials.sjlibrary.org/tutorial/plagiarism/selector.htm>
- ISU Tutorial: <http://panther.indstate.edu/tutorials/plagiarism/>
- Plagiarism Court: <http://www.fairfield.edu/documents/Library/plagicourt.swf>
- Academic Integrity: <http://www.bsu.edu/library/collections/instsvs/tutorials/>

ACADEMIC HONESTY @ HACC (Student Handbook p. 27)

Academic honesty is one of the fundamental principles upon which the College was founded and upon which it must operate to continue to perform its most important function. Students are expected to be honest in all of their academic endeavors. The College views academic dishonesty as a serious breach of conduct. Depending upon the nature and severity of the dishonest act, the faculty and the College may discipline a student for verifiable acts of dishonesty occurring in or out of the classroom. Specific procedures for handling incidents of academic dishonesty are contained in Administrative Procedure 594.

<http://www.hacc.edu/index.cfm?fuseaction=StudentLife.Student%20Government&id=1070>