Understanding the phenomenon of plagiarism: its complexity, types and practice examples

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WORLD NEWS

A plagiarism scandal rocks Norway's government



1 of 2 | Research and Education Minister Sandra Borch attends a press conference, in Oslo, Norway, Jan. 19, 2024, where she announced that she is resigning as a minister. The plagiarism scandal began with students in some of Norway's elite schools being suspended for recycling parts of their own work. It has turned into a scandal that could topple two governments and the could topple two governments.



PLAGIARIZED MASTERS

Sandra Borch resigns

Sandra Borch resigned on Friday evening as research and higher education minister after it was revealed that she had plagiarized others in her master's thesis in law.



Sandra Borch called in a press conference on Friday evening. There she announced her resignation, but there was no opportunity for the press to ask questions. Photo: Rodrigo Freitas/NTB





How bad was it?

Tilsynsstrategi og HMS-Regelverk i norsk petroleumsvirksomhet (2013)

http://www.regjeringen.no/upload/AD/publikasjoner/rapporter/2013/Utvalgsrapport_HMS_regelverk.pdf

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Sandra Konstance Nygård Borch: Masteroppgave (2014)

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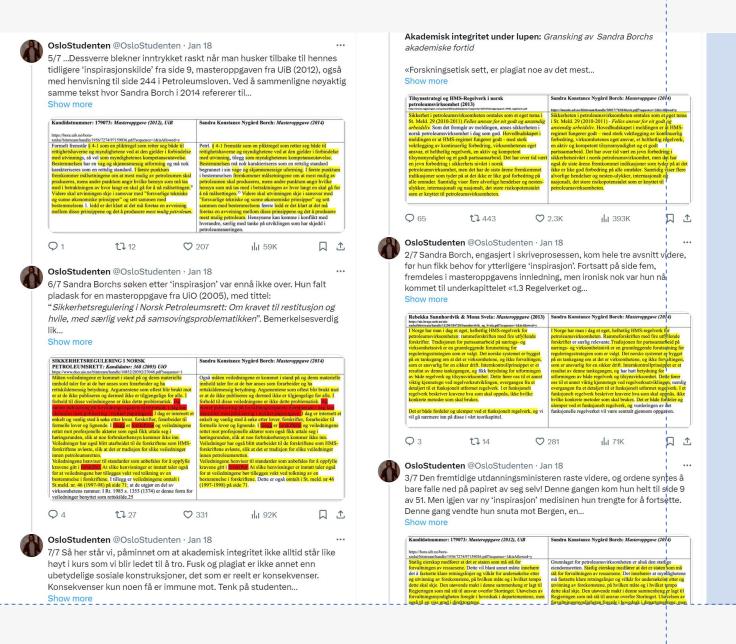
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It's all started on X, 18.Jan.2024





THE RESIGNATION OF THE MINISTER OF STATE

He exposed the minister. - Quickly found out that there was a lot to get here

BI student Kristoffer Rytterager was provoked when he read in Khrono that Sandra Borch and the state appealed the fraud conviction to the Supreme Court.



Kristoffer Rytterager is studying at BI and working on a master's thesis in finance. Photo: Private







Støre asks all ministers to report any plagiarism and cheating to him

The new minister for research and higher education will be in place early next week.



Jonas Gahr Støre would have liked to have been informed about Sandra Borch's master's cheating earlier, but believes that you cannot check all state councilors' master's and exam theses before they enter government. Now he encourages the government members to self-report. Photo: Javad Parsa / NTB







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Court Confirms Romania Ex-PM Ponta Committed Plagiarism







Former Romanian Prime Minister Victor Ponta (file photo)

Ex-Prime Minister of Romania has largely plagiarised in his PhD thesis

July 14, 2020 13:16 GMT By RFE/RL **PLAGIARISI**

Banned student reacts to Borch's copying: — Double standards

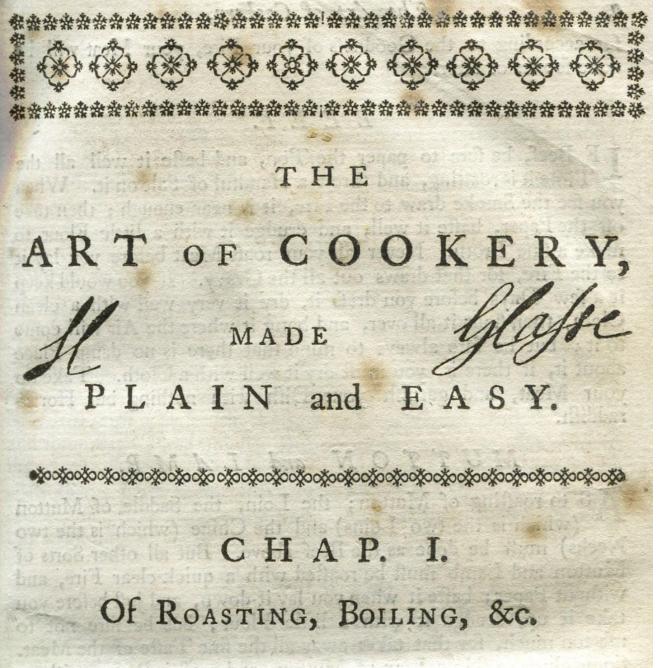
Tone was banned from the college for copying from a master's thesis. Now she gets another chance.



The former student says she has suffered financial losses due to the banning decision. Now she will have the case tried again. Photo: Espen Halvorsen Bjørgan



"Plagiarism" means using work, ideas, content, structures or images without giving appropriate credit or acknowledgment to the original source(s), especially where originality is expected. The term "plagiarised" applies to the ideas, content, structures or images in question. – COE CM/REC (2022)

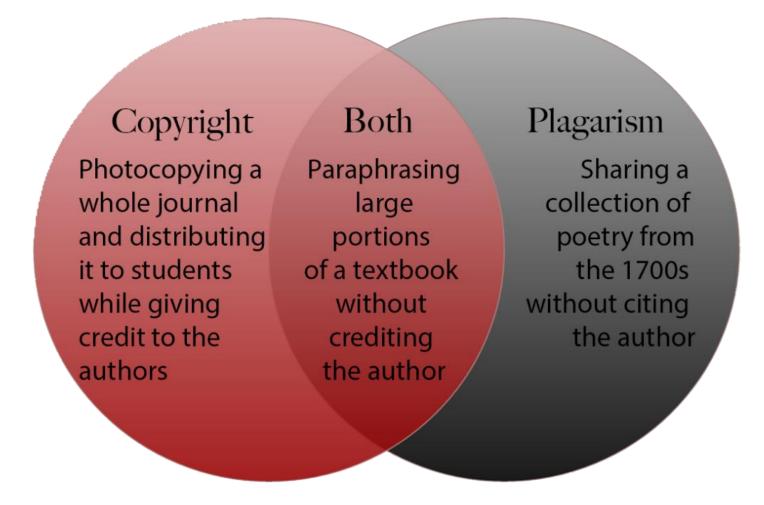


Hannah Glasse Book has been largely plagiarised by many authors in the 1800's

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Copyright Infringement Or Plagiarism?





Plagiarism is a complex issue situated in "culture, politics, context, historical, social, ideological and language conditions"

- Mbutho & hutchings (2020)

Cultural



Political



Language



Axact Chief Executive Arrested in Pakistan Over Fake Diplomas Scandal











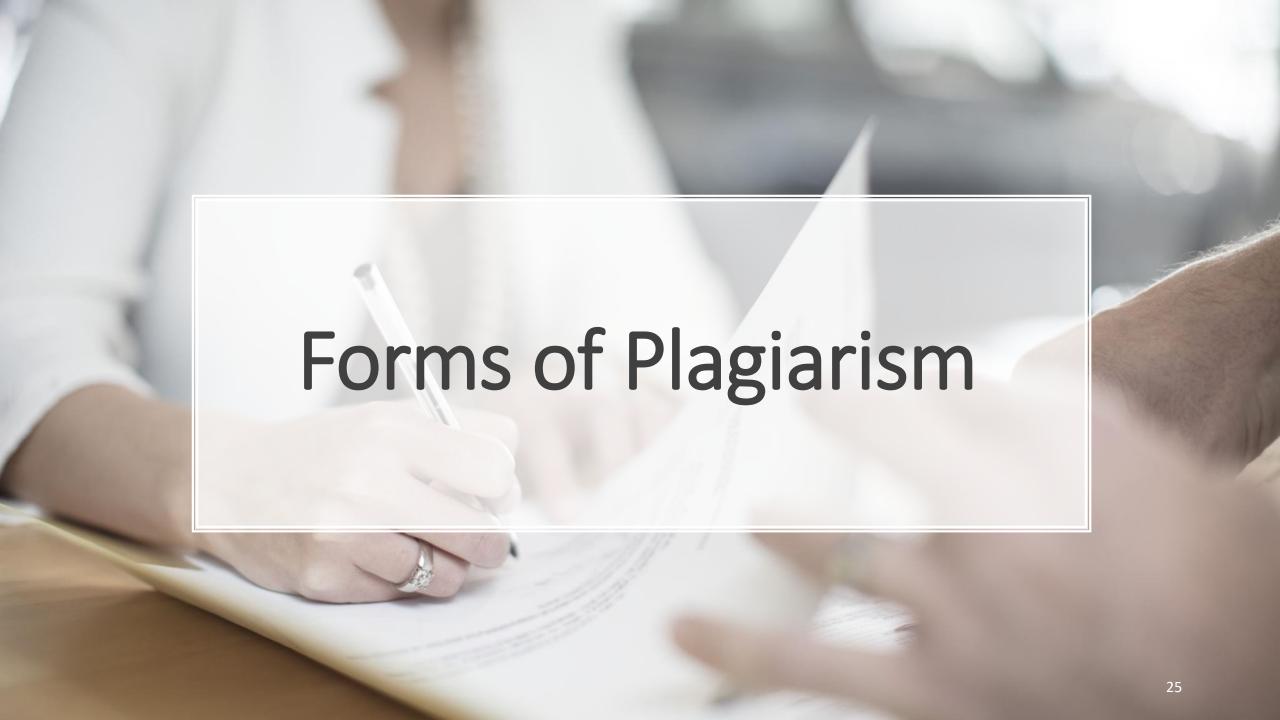
Shoaib Ahmed Shaikh, center, the chief executive of Axact, after a court appearance Wednesday in Karachi. Mr. Shaikh and four other executives face charges that include fraud and forgery. Athar Hussain/Reuters

By Saba Imtiaz and Declan Walsh

May 27, 2015







Verbatim Plagiarism

Text 1

The effects of climate change on polar bear populations are becoming increasingly evident. As the Arctic ice continues to melt at an alarming rate, polar bears are losing their natural habitats and struggling to find food sources

Plagiarised text

The impact of climate change on polar bear populations is becoming more apparent. With the rapid melting of Arctic ice, polar bears are losing their natural habitats and facing challenges in locating food sources

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Mosaic Plagiarism (Paraphrasing)

Text 1

New classical economics. The original theoretical impetus was the charge that Keynesian economics lacks microeconomic foundations -- i.e. its assertions are not founded in basic economic theory. This school emerged during the 1970s. This school asserts that it does not make sense to claim that the economy at any time might be "out-of-equilibrium". Fluctuations in aggregate variables follow from the individuals in the society continuously re-optimizing as new information on the state of the world is revealed.

Plagiarised text

Scholars in the school of new classical economics, which emerged in the 1970s, focus on the belief that the school of Keynesian economics is misguided. New classical scholars assert that the economy is never unbalanced, as Keynesian scholars believe, but instead that changes in an economy result from people's changing their spending habits as they interpret the news about the world.

Example from northern Illinois university



Self- Plagiarism

Collusion

Case on collusion

Several students were suspected of colluding on the final exam. The suspicion arose when exam papers submitted by different students exhibited very close similarities in both code structure and written explanations for certain complex programming problems.



Accidental (Non-intentional) Plagiarism

Fabrication and Falsification

Features and News

The Darsee Case

Harvard's Handling of Fraud: **Good Intentions Are Not Enough**

John R. Darsee is now a fellow in critical care medicine at Ellis Hospital in upstate New York. His work is "carefully supervised," according to hospital spokesman Andrew Foster, who adds that Darsee does not perform research. Yet until about two years ago, before his fall from grace. Darsee was one of the rising stars in cardiology research. He held a coveted postdoctoral position in the laboratory of Eugene Braunwald, one of the nation's leading cardiologists, at Harvard Medical School. By the age of 33, Darsee had been offered an assistant professorship at Harvard and had published nearly 100 papers and abstracts. Braunwald and Darsee's former colleagues at Emory University called him "brilliant" and "extraordinary." Many marveled at his prodigious output. In retrospect, that should have been a clue. Yet as Braunwald says, things are much clearer in hindsight.

Now the validity of much of Darsee's prodigious output is in question. On 21 May 1981, in plain view of three coworkers in Braunwald's Cardiac Research Laboratory at Brigham and Women's Hospital, a Harvard affiliate, Darsee faked data for one of his experiments. In much of his research, he worked with dogs to measure the usefulness of drugs in limiting infarct size, or muscle damage, in heart attack victims. On that May afternoon, he had taken an electrocardiogram of one of the experimental dogs. He then took the tracing and labeled it 24 hours, 72 hours, one week, and two weeks. When confronted by Braunwald and lab chief Robert A. Kloner, Darsee admitted his fakery and apologized.

Harvard officials decided to handle the matter internally, without informing the

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National Institutes of Health. (Darsee was supported by an NIH fellowship and was then involved in a major \$724,154 collaborative study funded by NIH, Animal Models for Use in the Assessment of Therapy to Protect Ischemic Myocardium.) Nonetheless, NIH became involved some five months later after detecting that Darsee may have faked data in the AMPIM study as well. NIH established an expert panel, headed by Howard E. Morgan of the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine, to investigate the Darsee affair. A committee of senior NIH staff, headed by William Raub, then reviewed the report and made recommendations to NIH director James B. Wyngaarden. The report and supporting documents were released in

The investigation documents a history of deceit that extends far beyond the AMPIM study, perhaps back to Darsee's years as a resident at Emory University. In February, NIH began proceedings to debar Darsee from eligibility for Department of Health and Human Services funds and to exclude him from serving on any peer-review or advisory committee, both for 10 years. Harvard's request to repeat its portion of the AMPIM study was denied. Instead, NIH has asked Harvard to repay the \$122,371 awarded for the project. Nine of Darsee's papers that were coauthored with either Braunwald or Kloner have been retracted from journals. The case has been referred to the Justice Department for possible criminal prosecution. And at Emory, an investigation of Darsee's earlier work is now under way. According to Raub, the problems at Emory appear to be "very

Perhaps the most troubling question. both to NIH and to Darsee's colleagues. is how did his fraud remain undetected for so long? To address that question. NIH asked the Morgan panel to investigate not only the extent and circumstances of Darsee's misconduct at Harvard, but the corrective measures taken by the Harvard Medical School and the lab environment in which Darsee worked. In their detailed report, which includes a full chronology of events, the panel takes Harvard to task on several counts. They say that everyone, from Kloner to Braunwald to Daniel C. Tosteson, dean of the medical school, made mistakes in handling Darsee's one admitted act of falsification. These mistakes, they say, contributed to the delay in documenting the full extent of his fakery Moreover, in comments that have evoked sharp objections from Braunwald and Kloner, the panel lays part of the blame for Darsee's misconduct on lax supervision and poor recordkeeping in Braunwald's high-pressure lab. "A hurried pace and emphasis on productivity, coupled with limited interaction with senior scientists, has contributed to the disappointing events," they say,

In voluminous written comments to the report. Braunwald and Kloner claim they have been unfairly maligned for following common lab practices. They also say that, given the complexity of the situation and the lack of guidelines for dealing with research fraud, they did their best to treat Darsee fairly while

^{&#}x27;The other panel members were Francis J. Klocke of State University of New York at Buffalo, John T Shepherd of the Mayo Medical School, and C. Kern Wildenthal of the University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas.

Source: Roberts, L. (1983). The Darsee Case. Harvard's Handling of Fraud: Good Intentions Are Not Enough. BioScience, 358-364.



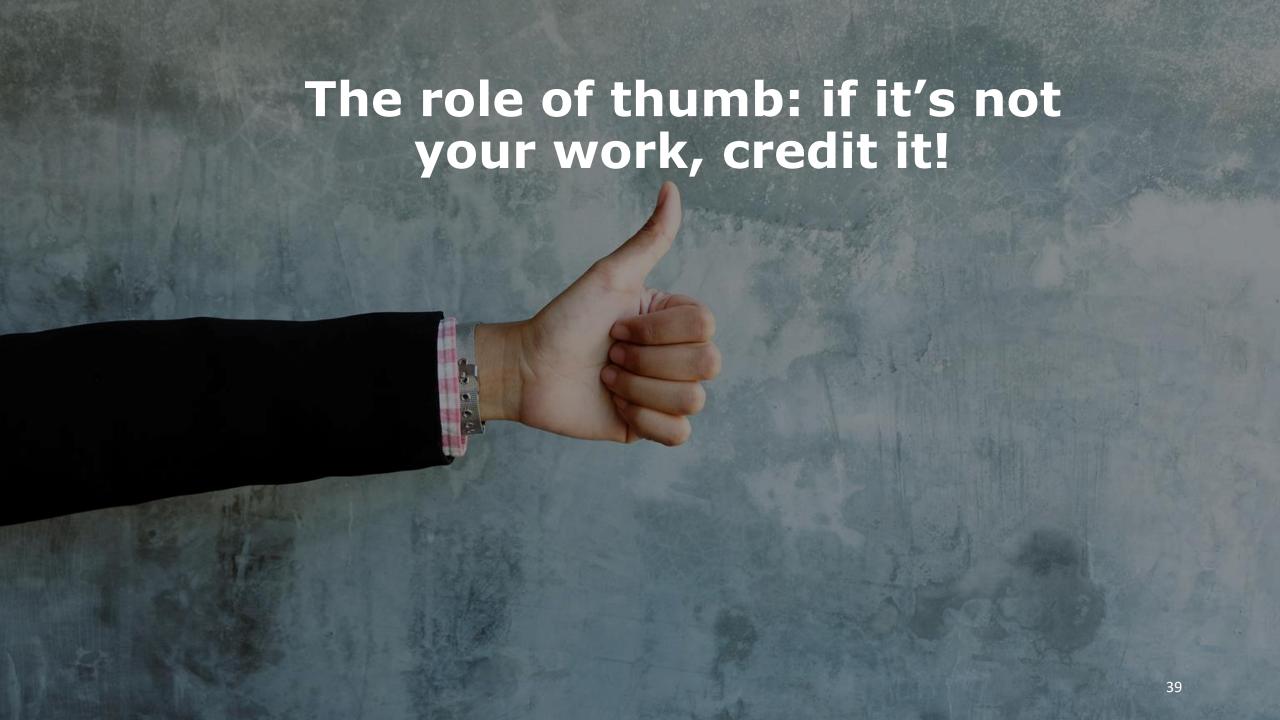
Reasons behind Plagiarism in scientific writing

- Unintentional
- Linguistic proficiency
- Bad time management and stress
- Personal ambitions of poorly educated individuals
- Poor academic integrity culture



Best Practices

What's next?



 Senior management to create a special webpage devoted for plagiarism and other ethical issues

UNIVERSITY OF OSLO

Plagiarism check of submitted texts

When you write academic texts, you must show what thoughts and reflections are your own and what you have borrowed from others' work. This allows the reader to look up the sources you have used, examine the facts and verify your results.

UIO uses the programme Ouriginal to detect copying in submitted texts. Ouriginal compares submitted texts with online resources, text databases and other submitted texts at UiO and other Norwegian higher education institutions.

Cheating on compulsory activities

Compulsory activities are also covered by the rules on cheating or attempted cheating. What may be counted as cheating on compulsory activities will largely correspond to what may be counted as cheating on examinations.

Consequences of cheating

The consequence of cheating or attempted cheating may be the annulment of examinations, exclusion from the University of Oslo and loss of right to sit examinations at other universities and university colleges in Norway for up to one year.

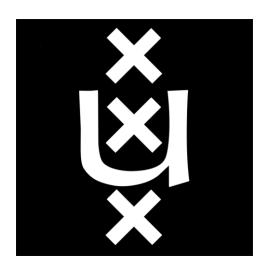
Administrative procedures for suspected cheating

UiO has <u>routines</u> for handling cases of suspected cheating or attempted cheating. The routines also include information on the rights of students who are suspected of cheating or attempted cheating.

The University of Oslo's appeals committee makes decisions in cases of suspected cheating or attempted cheating and determines the sanctions to be implemented. The appeals committee's decision may be appealed to a national appeals committee.

Questions? 40

 Senior management to dedicate an email address and contact centre (ethical committee) for ethical concerns and plagiarism



Board members

The Ethics Committee of the FMG has formally mandated the AISSR Ethics Advisory Board to advise and give guidance in addressing ethical issues specific to research at the AISSR. In the case of a disagreement, it is possible to call upon the Ethics Committee of the Faculty.

The AISSR Ethical Advisory Board consists of a core group of AISSR researchers with different disciplinary and methodological backgrounds. It currently consists of: Dr. Stephanie Steinmetz, Dr. Michaela Hordijk, Prof. dr. Jeannette Pols, Dr. Rachel Spronk and Dr. Daphne van der Pas. When necessary, they call on the advice of third parties. The board is coordinated by Marleen Rademaker (secretary of the AISSR Ethics Advisory Board, m.e.b.rademaker@uva.nl 2) and she is available for practical questions.

Board meetings

The board meets every month, except for July and August. The next meetings in 2023 are on November 9 and December 14. In 2024 the board meets on January 19, February 15, March 14, April 11, May 16 and June 13.

The proposals must be submitted at least 1 week before the meeting. The committee only assesses projects at the monthly meetings, so please plan ahead.

More information

For more information on Research Ethics for social science research at the AISSR, please visit the AISSR wiki.

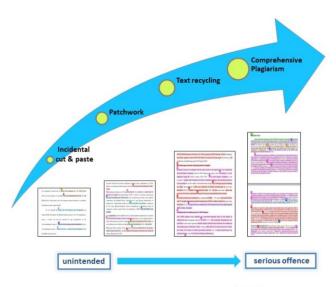
 Provide guidance, policies, and tutorials such as academic writing courses for students, faculty staff, and researchers on how to avoid plagiarism and promote academic integrity



Types of Plagiarism

Plagiarism can vary from being accidental and unintended to being a deliberate unethical act. Its degree of unacceptability rises with the incremental amount and density of colour in a similarity report, as illustrated in the figure below.

While any deliberate plagiarism should be dismissed, some situations can explain the inadvertent re-use of written material For example, it is generally accepted that there can only so many ways to describe a detailed aspect of a research study clearly, accurately and succinctly. Some researchers may be non-native English speakers and lack language proficiency required to rephrase. Disagreement may exist on what can be considered common scientific knowledge.



- Ethical committee to arrange regular meetings at least once per year to discuss approaches and update guidelines on plagiarism.
- Create workshops, symposiums, webinars, and seminars on academic integrity, academic honesty, and anti-plagiarism practices



- Institute to enable the usage of plagiarism detection tools. Students and staff should be informed that their materials will be exposed to these tools and further investigation will be taken upon discovery
- Enable sanctions or other sorts of punishment if plagiarism case is confirmed
- Student plagiarism should be dealt with equitably



- Enable strict compliance with the rules, staff members are obliged to report cases of mis-conduction.
- Enable what is called- clean records for graduate students as a rewarding incentive for those who have been ethically-compliant



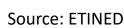
Source: ETINED

- Enable anonymity, changing exams layout rooms, to reduce cheating and educational corruption
- Enable the possibility for anonymous reporting of academic misconduct.



Source: ETINED

 Exchanging programs such as Erasmus+ mobility on particular topics of academic integrity to bring new ideas and providing better practices for students and staff



Best practices with Generative AI

Best Practices on the use of Gen. AI

Generative AI or other editorial assistance may only be used to offer advice and guidance on:

- Correcting spelling and punctation.
- Ensuring text follows the conventions of grammar and syntax in written English.
- Shortening long sentences or reducing long paragraphs without changes to the overall content.

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- Ensuring the consistency, formatting and ordering of page numbers, headers and footers, and footnotes and endnotes.
- Improving the positioning of tables and figures and the clarity, grammar, spelling and punctuation of any text in table or figure legends.

Source: University of Birmingham 50

Teachers are subjective to the use of Generative AI

- Case 1: Al tools to be permitted freely
- Case 2: Usage permitted with limitations
- Case 3: No Generative AI is permitted

Inform your students that there will be an automatic and manual check even after the course ends.

- includes check of false, inaccurate info, different style, etc.



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Thank you!

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