TIPS FOR AVOIDING PLAGIARISM

WHAT IS PLAGIARISM?
The appropriation of another person’s ideas, processes, results, or words without giving appropriate credit.

“Don’t plagiarize. Express your own thoughts in your own words…. Note, too, that simply changing a few words here and there, or changing the order of a few words in a sentence or paragraph, is still plagiarism. Plagiarism is one of the most serious crimes in academia.”1

“You paraphrase appropriately when you represent an idea in your own words more clearly and pointedly than the source does. But readers will think that you plagiarize if they can match your words and phrasing with those of your source.”2

Always acknowledge the contributions of others in your work

Identify the citation source when paraphrasing or summarizing

Provide a citation when in doubt about facts or common knowledge

Always enclose verbatim text in quotation marks with an accompanying citation

Cite primary sources of information not secondary or tertiary

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