

## What is plagiarism?

Plagiarism is using someone else's words, ideas, or structure without proper acknowledgment.

This includes:

- Copying from websites, books, or articles without citation
- Reusing parts of another student's work or even your own work!
- · Paraphrasing without citation
- Poor paraphrasing that mimics the original too closely
- Using synonyms without changing meaning or structure

## Ask for ethical help

If you're struggling:

- Access our study skills resource
- Learn how to paraphrase properly with UniSQ's Assignment Guides
- Attend Library referencing workshops
- Access <u>referencing and writing support</u>
- Ask your Course Coordinator for feedback
- Use <u>Studiosity Plus</u> for writing and referencing feedback

## Why it's serious -

At UniSQ, plagiarism is a breach of academic integrity. It can result in:

- A formal warning or reduction in marks
- A requirement to resubmit the assessment item
- A record of misconduct on your student file

## How it's detected

UniSQ uses tools like Turnitin and expert reviews to detect copied content. High similarity scores and inconsistent writing styles are red flags.



Copying may save time - but it costs your credibility.