



Kent State University Libraries

Avoiding Plagiarism Workshop

Agenda

- Definitions- Plagiarism, Cheating
- Importance of Academic integrity
- Tips on Avoiding Plagiarism
- Citations
- Consequences(Sanctions)
- Go over/ summarize University policy
- Avoiding plagiarism tutorial (s) & Quizzes and /or Scenarios, Case studies



Plagiarism

- "Plagiarize" means to take and present as one's own a material portion of the ideas or words of another or to present as one's own an idea or work derived from an existing source without full and proper credit to the source of the ideas, words, or works. (KSU Policy)
- Usually unintentional
- Examples- copying words, sentences, paragraphs, ideas
- Examples- copying illustrations, figures, photographs, drawings, models, or other visual and nonverbal materials, recordings

Cheating

- ““Cheat” means intentionally misrepresent the source, nature, or other conditions of academic work so as to accrue undeserved credit, or to cooperate with someone else in such misrepresentation” (KSU Policy)
- Usually intentional
- Examples:
 - Obtaining confidential information about an exam
 - Securing, giving, or exchanging information during an exam
 - Using the same assignment for two different classes

Is it Plagiarism, Cheating, or OK

- Turning in work done by someone else?
 - Writing a paper for another student to turn in as their own?
 - Paraphrasing a few sentences or a paragraph from a written source without credit
 - Working with others on an assignment
 - Turning in a paper obtained from a term paper “mill” or web site
 - In a course requiring computer work, copying another student's program rather than writing your own
 - Including a diagram or data table without identifying the source
 - Turning in the same paper for two different classes
 - Fabricating or falsifying a reference list
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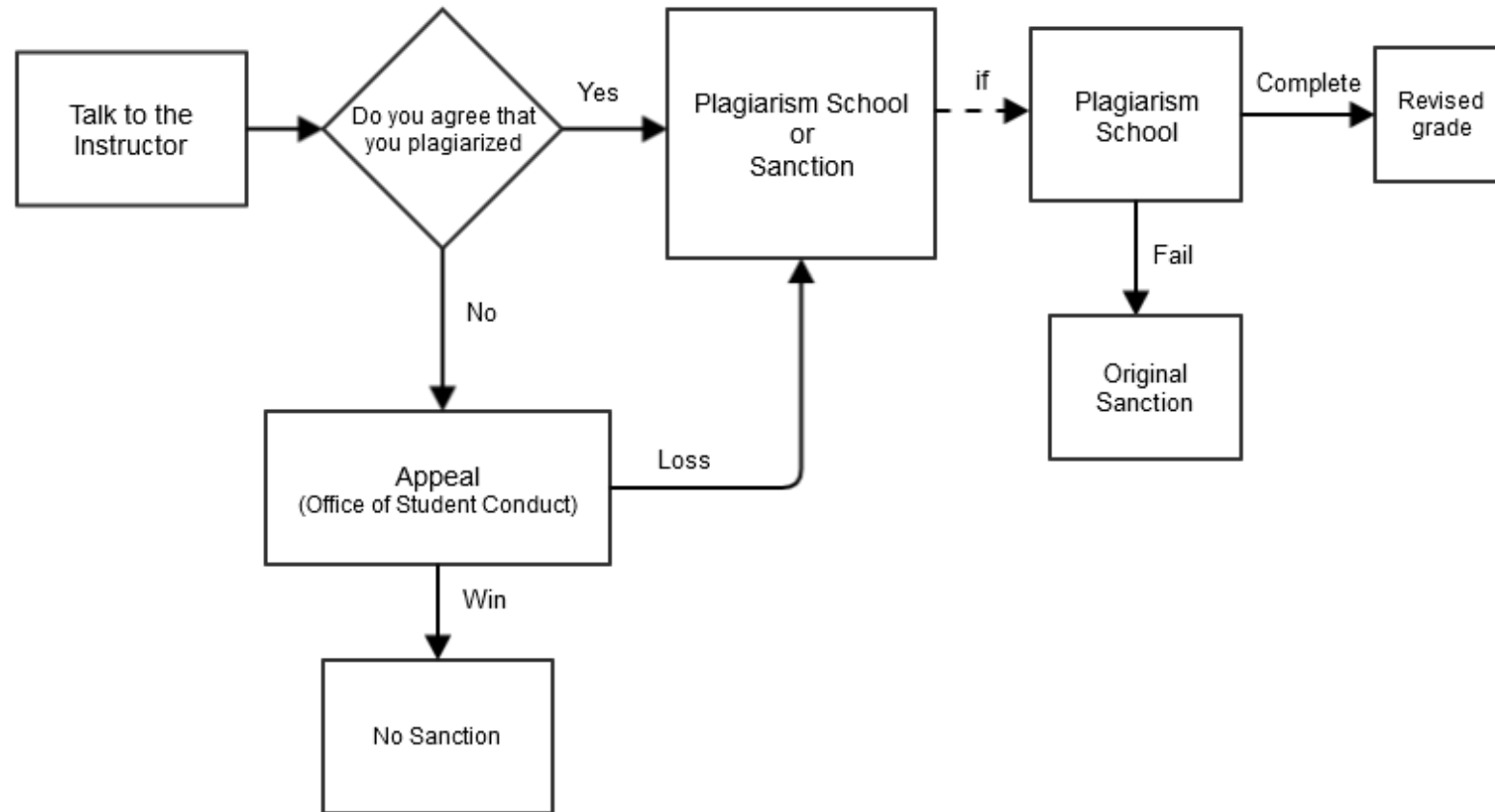
Sanctions (Consequences)



- An instructor may:
 - Send you to “Plagiarism School”
 - Refuse to accept the work for credit
 - Assign a grade of “F” or zero for the project
 - Assign a grade of “F” or zero for the course
 - Recommend action be taken by the Office of Student Conduct

If you Plagiarize

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University Administrative Policy

- Full text can be found at:
 - <http://www.kent.edu/policyreg/administrative-policy-regarding-student-cheating-and-plagiarism>
- Definitions (Sec. B)
- Procedures- (Plagiarism school- Sec.G)
- Consequences (Sanctions- Sec.D)
- Instructor's responsibilities (Sec.E)
- Student's responsibilities and Rights
 - Avoid plagiarism
 - Right to Appeal- (Sec. I)

Scenarios/ Paraphrasing

- Plagiarism test (may be done pre- or post workshop)- USM
<http://www.lib.usm.edu/legacy/plag/pretest.php>
- Avoiding plagiarism tutorial examples
 - http://www.library.kent.edu/files/Avoiding_Plagiarism_20_February_2013.swf
- Is it plagiarism? (Module from U of Idaho)
 - http://webpages.uidaho.edu/info_literacy/modules/module6/6_5.htm

Useful Resources

- ❖ [Plagiarism Lib Guide](http://libguides.library.kent.edu/plagiarism)- <http://libguides.library.kent.edu/plagiarism>
 - ❖ [Citation Tools Lib Guide](http://libguides.library.kent.edu/citationtools)- <http://libguides.library.kent.edu/citationtools>
 - ❖ [Avoiding plagiarism Tutorial](http://www.library.kent.edu/files/Avoiding_Plagiarism_20_February_2013.swf)
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 - ❖ [Writing commons](http://www.kent.edu/writingcommons)- <http://www.kent.edu/writingcommons>

 - ❖ [Other](#)
 - ❖ [Purdue OWL](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/1/)-<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/1/>
 - ❖ [Indiana University](http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml)- <http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml>
 - ❖ [University of Wisconsin](http://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/QuotingSources.html)- <http://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/QuotingSources.html>
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