

Plagiarism Policy

Students should be aware of ISU's policies on plagiarism. The Idaho State University Faculty/Staff Handbook (Part 6, Section IX, page 6.9.1) states

PLAGIARISM is defined as representing another person's words, ideas, data or work as one's own. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, the exact duplication of another's work and the incorporation of a substantial or essential portion thereof without the appropriate citation. ... The guiding principle is that all work submitted must be properly credited to the original source(s) of the information. In written work, direct quotations, statements which are paraphrased, summarizations of the work of another, and other information which is not considered common knowledge must be cited or acknowledged, usually in the form of a footnote. Quotation marks or a proper form of identification shall be used to indicate direct quotations.

The Handbook further states that instructors may penalize students for academic dishonesty by giving a grade reduction on the work in question, giving a failing grade for the course, and giving a failing grade for the course with a notation on the student's transcript. Additional penalties may be assigned at the university level, including suspension from the university and expulsion from the university.

Some examples of plagiarism are

1. Failing to acknowledge the assistance of a classmate, tutor, or instructor when a significant part of the final product incorporates their ideas
2. Failing to acknowledge a solution taken from a solutions manual or another textbook
3. Failing to use quotations marks or appropriate identification when quoting verbatim from a source
4. Taking a solution to a homework problem from a web page without acknowledgment