

# Expectations on reports and presentations

- ▶ Maintaining a university standard
- ▶ Improve your writing and presentations
- ▶ The seriousness of plagiarism

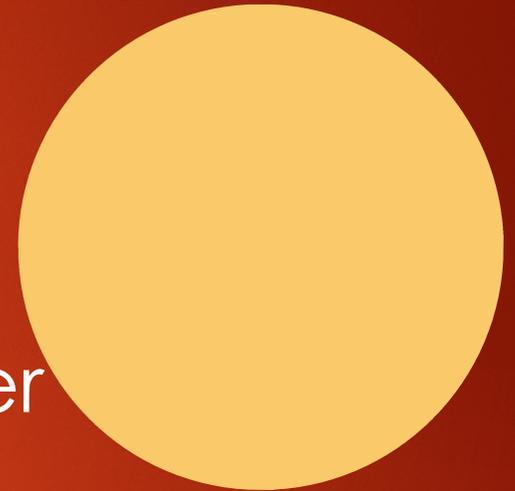
# Getting started on web information searches

WriteCheck™, Turnitin® , etc.

Grammar Checking

Plagiarism Checker

Professional Tutoring



# Plagiarism: UBC Definition

UBC Policy 83.4.3 Scholarly Integrity:

**“Plagiarism” means presenting and using another’s published or unpublished work, including theories, concepts, data, source material, methodologies or findings, including graphs and images, as one’s own, without appropriate referencing.**

# Plagiarism: Tips for avoiding it

- ▶ Get started early to avoid panic situations which might tempt you to plagiarize.
- ▶ Take careful notes on what you read and where you found the ideas (use Refworks to track sources).
- ▶ Acknowledge **ALL** Sources from which you use ideas. This includes books, journal articles, websites, e-mail communication, listserv, film, videos, audio recordings, etc.
- ▶ Always cite:
  - ▶ **Direct quotations** taken from sources (place quotation marks "" around direct quotes as you write them down to remember which are direct quotes and which are not)
  - ▶ **Paraphrased ideas, summaries of ideas, and opinions** taken from someone else's work
  - ▶ **Factual information, including statistics or other data** – with the exception of anything that is considered common knowledge (i.e. well known facts like "British Columbia is a province in Canada").

# Plagiarism: Tips for assessing it

- ▶ When reviewing your paper, ask yourself :
  - ▶ Is the idea or argument presented mine?
  - ▶ Are the words my own?
  - ▶ Can my work be clearly distinguished from the work of others?



**Plagiarism: will we check it?**

**Yes!!!**

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# Plagiarism: disciplinary measures

- ▶ **Academic misconduct often results in a one-year suspension from the University and a notation of academic discipline on the student's record.**

However, disciplinary measures which may be imposed, singly or in combination, for academic misconduct include, but are not limited to the following:

- ▶ a letter of reprimand
- ▶ a failing grade or mark of zero on the assignment or in the course in which the academic misconduct occurred
- ▶ suspension, cancellation, or forfeiture of any scholarships, bursaries or prizes
- ▶ suspension from the University for a specified period of time
- ▶ expulsion from the University
- ▶ revocation of a degree or other academic credentials dishonestly or improperly obtained

# Sources of information on the web

- ▶ UBC Indexes and Databases
  - ▶ Web of Science
  - ▶ Freedonia
- ▶ “Forestry Resources on the Web”

