

# PLAGIARISM

## *Important Facts For LPC Students*

Las Positas College  
Library



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# Plagiarism: Defined

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- Using but not giving credit to someone's
  - Ideas
  - Words or Quotes
  - Opinions
  - Research facts
  - Music
  - Art work : drawings/pictures/cartoons

# Plagiarism: Specifics

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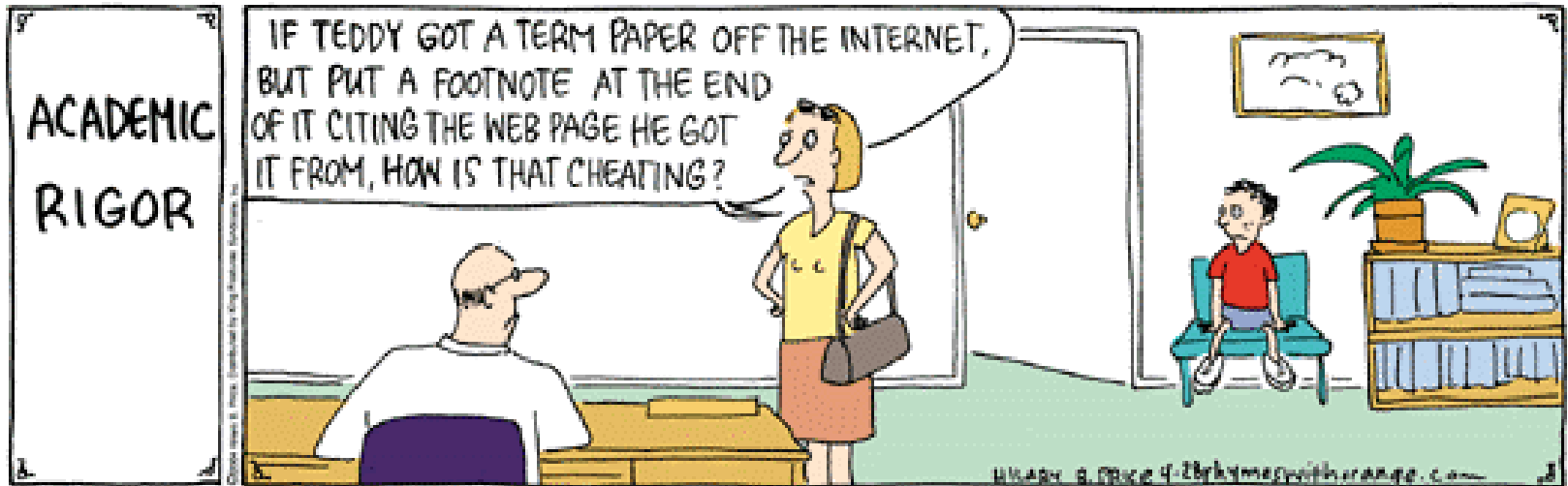
- **Word for Word**
  - Treat as a quote using quotation marks
- **Paraphrase**
  - A restatement or rewriting of author's ideas in your own words. Still must be cited.
- **Summary**
  - Condensing original author's ideas to a more succinct statement. Still must be cited
- **Common Knowledge**
  - Does not need to be cited

# Plagiarism: Specifics

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- Web Site Explanations with Examples
  - [What is Plagiarism? Georgetown U](#)
  - [How to Recognize Plagiarism. Indiana U](#)

# Term Paper Mills



Term paper mills are a form of cheating. LPC has policies and consequences for using materials from paper mills.

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# LPC Policy on Plagiarism

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- Las Positas College Catalog, 2004-2006; p.40
- Student Conduct Code
  - Defines plagiarism
  - Defines the disciplinary action
  - Defines the rights of the student
- Academic Honesty Statement

## LPC Faculty Senate

- Defines variations of plagiarism

# Turnitin

## Detection Service Used by LPC

- Example:

Project	<a href="#">Cloud, Barstad J. Supply chain management: new role for finance professionals. Strategic Finance Vol 82, Iss 2, Aug 2000</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>	30%
Internet	<a href="http://www.departmentservices.com/bsn/bchnews/000193.html">http://www.departmentservices.com/bsn/bchnews/000193.html</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>	28%
Internet	<a href="http://www.ames.co.gov/culture/industry/industry.html_spc/bchnews/000193.html">http://www.ames.co.gov/culture/industry/industry.html_spc/bchnews/000193.html</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>	25%

**Report text:**

Messages of globalization often read like a novel. Global competition and electronic commerce are transforming business practices. For financial professionals, the story hangs on the need to transform themselves from "bean counters" and tax accountants into the next generation of business heroes - savvy chain managers. They are the professionals who assume key roles in operations by integrating suppliers and customers throughout planning and operations. Supply chain management has emerged as the total flow system as the key to success in the global economy, regardless of industry or company size. Its premise is simple: Operational strategies should be designed and developed around customer needs. As a company adapts to a customer-driven supply chain, it is critical to develop appropriate performance measures. As the organization becomes more portable, measurements must incorporate both members - supplier and customer - outside the traditional organization.

Foreign investments are increasingly an important area for international trade in general and for trade of cultural goods and services in particular. By the end of 1996, the total stock of foreign direct investment owned by companies outside their home countries was near \$1 trillion and OECD members were the source of 85% of all foreign direct investment. During the Uruguay Round there was a strong informal market for new negotiations of a free-standing, enforceable multilateral investment agreement, but countries' positions on the issue were very different.

Can you measure how your company's people investments contribute to the bottom line? Do you have data from specific personnel initiatives to increased corporate performance? How can you have numbers showing the return on an IT investment?

You probably have a strong conviction decision that supports your ethical programs, but do you have proof that they work? Well, just about, neither do most firms. But an labor-related code of conduct, longer portions of ethics or corporate responsibility courses, companies are increasingly motivated to find ways to demonstrate the ROI of their human capital. And some are beginning to do just that.

Globalization is a new phenomenon that is sweeping the globe. As globalization continues to spread globally, more and more countries will find way to its sweeping force.

# LPC Library Home Page









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Library

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### Quick Clicks

<a href="#">Library Guides</a>	 Library Catalog	<a href="#">MLA &amp; APA Works Cited</a>
 <b>Academic Search Premier</b> - includes Business Source Premier, Health Source, Psychology & Behavioral Sciences, Religion & Philosophy... <a href="#">EBSCOhost - Text Only</a> <a href="#">Descriptions, Subject Lists, &amp; Tutorials</a>	 National, regional & local papers, including: Los Angeles Times, New York Times, San Francisco Chronicle, San Jose Mercury, TriValley Herald, Valley Times...	<b>Literature Resource Center</b> Criticism, biographies, work overviews & explications, periodical articles, compare & contrast pages, & author's works
 <b>Gender Watch</b> Focuses on the impact of gender on culture and society	 <b>Ethnic NewsWatch</b> Articles from the ethnic, minority and native press	 <b>Opposing Viewpoints RESOURCE CENTER</b> Current topics covering the facts & the pros and cons of each issue
 Explores a single "hot" issue from the news weekly - background, outlook, statistics	<a href="#">Librarians' Index to the Internet</a> Searchable, evaluated & annotated subject directory to high-quality Web resources	 <b>COUNTRY WATCH</b> Political, economic, business information & maps for countries

Use [Works Cited](#) to link to tips and examples on citation formats



# LPC Library *Works Cited* Section

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- Tips on writing term papers
- Supports APA and MLA styles
- Example of a Works Cited page
- Examples of citations include:
  - Print Materials
  - Information from Electronic Databases
  - Web Sources
  - Audiovisuals
- Templates with to use as fill-in guides
- Library links to recommended sites on [plagiarism](#)
  - Library links to web sites with citation "[machine](#)"

# Strategies to Avoid Plagiarism

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- Keep detailed notes & outline
- Keep several rough drafts or printouts
- Keep documentation or photocopies of all your sources / especially web sites
- Use a system for labeling your ideas separately from your sources
- Avoid cut and paste from Internet without using quotation marks
- Time management

# HELP - LPC Resources

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- **Instructor:** the final authority on what is acceptable
- **LPC Library:** librarians can help with research questions and sources as well as citation formats
- **LPC Writing Center / Lab:** staff available to help with all questions on writing style, citation format and other problems related to plagiarism
- **Web sites:** LPC Library Homepage has listed several recommended web sites on plagiarism.

# Your Responsibility

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- Understand your assignment
- Know the basics of Plagiarism
- Be aware of the LPC policy & consequences
- Know how to defend your paper or project
- Use proper citation format for your Works Cited / Bibliography
- Ask when in doubt

# Follow-Up Suggestions

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- Discuss Internet impact on Plagiarism
- Discuss *Common Knowledge*: how are students interpreting this term?
- Practice Tutorial: 10 exercises from the [School of Education, Indiana University](#)
- *Shattered Glass* / Lions Gate Films, 2004. LPC Library DVD on Stephen Glass, respected reporter for *The New Republic* who plagiarized or created fictional stories
- Jayson Blair : discuss former *New York Times* reporter, now book author, who also plagiarized and submitted fraudulent reports
- *Plagiarism: It's a Crime* / Educational Video Network, 2003. LPC Library video on topic

# Discussion Points:

Suggested to Verify Learning Outcomes

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- Define Plagiarism. Give one specific type or instance.
- Describe an example of deliberate plagiarism.
- Does LPC have a policy dealing with students' accused of plagiarism.
- How would you avoid plagiarism?
- How would you find the Library's Works Cited examples for your citations?
- Provide a sample citation for a web site of your choice. Include a photocopy of the homepage.
- Provide a sample citation for an electronic journal/magazine article from one of the Library's databases. Include a photocopy of the first page.

# Bibliography

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<http://www.georgetown.edu/honor/plagiarism.html>

# Plagiarism Web Sites

## Selected List

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- *Avoiding Plagiarism / OWL - Online Writing Lab, Purdue University*

Web site with handouts and practice exercises. Nice explanation of term, Common Knowledge. Follow link back to main page for access to more extensive materials.

[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/print/research/r\\_plagiar.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/print/research/r_plagiar.html)

- *Cheating 101: Paper Mills and You / P. Bates & M. Fain*

Site is based on a seminar developed at Kimble Library, Coastal Carolina University. Extensive list of Internet paper mills. Great site for faculty while providing students with a discussion of what is wrong with buying papers: ethically and paper content quality. Last modified April 2004.

<http://www.coastal.edu/library/presentations/papermil.html>



## Web Sites Cont'd

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- *How to Recognize Plagiarism* / School of Education, Indiana University

Tutorial designed for students in the School of Education, to complete. Comes with overviews, examples, related resources, and practice tests.

<http://www.indiana.edu/~istd/>

- *Plagiarism* / Librarians Index to the Internet

This web directory maintains up-to-date access to the best sites. Use lii search engine and key word: plagiarism.

<http://lii.org/>

## Web Sites Cont'd

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- *Plagiarism* / Sharon Stoerger

Fascinating, extensive, well annotated list of links to articles on all types of plagiarism occurring in a wide variety of fields. Includes term paper sites, plagiarism detection sites and resources for both instructor and student. Stoerger first did this project for Office of the Vice Chancellor of Research, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Last updated July 2004

<http://www.web-miner.com/plagiarism>

## Web Sites Cont'd

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- *Plagiarism : What it is and How to Recognize and Avoid it /* Writing Tutorial Services, Indiana University  
Site offers easy-to-use, brief fact sheets on plagiarism  
<http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/wts/plagiarism.html>
- *What is Plagiarism? /*Georgetown University Honor Council  
Concise document geared to explaining various aspects of plagiarism to students. Uses humor and the student “excuse or myth” concept to explain what constitutes plagiarism.  
Example: sections on *A Citation is not a Traffic Ticket* and *In My Country Using Someone Else’s Work is a Sign of Respect*  
<http://www.georgetown.edu/honor/plagiarism.html>