

Anti-plagiarism charter - University of Nice Sophia Antipolis

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Preface

To ensure the quality of diplomas awarded by the University and the validity of the publications of its teaching and research staff, the University of Nice Sophia Antipolis has put into place an anti-plagiarism policy, including components related to prevention and to sanctions. This charter describes the philosophy behind the policy, defines the rules to be adhered to and measures to be implemented, and provides information for students and personnel.

Article 1: Definitions

All forms of work (homework assignments, essays, projects, reports, articles, and theses) prepared by students and/or by personnel affiliated with the University, should always have as their goal to produce new and original knowledge or to offer new and individual interpretations of a given subject. Plagiarism is a severe violation of university ethics. Plagiarism is defined as passing on somebody else's work as your own, i.e. using and reproducing the results of somebody else's work (a text or part of a text, an image, a diagram or figure, a photograph, data...) without specifying that it originated from someone else. In concrete terms: you are plagiarizing when you fail to cite the author of material you are using or when you do not put direct quotations inside of quotation marks. Plagiarism is intellectual theft. It is an offense that is liable to sanctions.

Article 2: Aggravating circumstances

Plagiarism in itself is already an offense, but committing plagiarism in order to improperly obtain a grade, diploma or university degree is considered an aggravating circumstance.

Further, reproduction of an original work without the author's consent is legally defined as copyright infringement (articles L. 335-2 and L. 335-3 of the Intellectual Property Code).

Article 3: Commitments

- Students and personnel commit to citing any work they use or partially reproduce, following standard academic procedures. This means that any borrowed work must be clearly identified (with quotation marks) and that the name of the author(s) and source of the borrowed material must be mentioned.
- Teachers commit to making their students aware of the fight against plagiarism, having them sign the anti-plagiarism charter, and encouraging them to participate in training courses on the subject that will be offered at different stages of their academic training. Students must not only be informed of the exact definition of plagiarism, but also be informed that plagiarism and all of its variants (word for word translation without citation, paraphrasing without attempting to rephrase, etc.) go against the standards of the academic work which is expected of them and which is the basis of their evaluation.
- The University of Nice Sophia Antipolis commits to supporting teachers in this task: the University will provide specific training sessions, it will assist teaching units in the implementation of predefined sanctions, and it will provide access to automated plagiarism detection programs (which can be used by teachers for detection/sanction and by students for self-evaluation).

Article 4: Sanctions

Should the terms of this charter be violated, disciplinary measures will be imposed on the student or personnel concerned. In addition to disciplinary measures, legal proceedings may be considered should the plagiarism also involve copyright infringement.