



Norms Regarding Plagiarism

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Premise

The Pontifical Gregorian University seeks to promote the integral formation of the student (cf. General Statutes of the Pontifical Gregorian University, Art. 11) and for this reason considers the prevention of plagiarism an educational opportunity to form the person for intellectual and academic honesty. It is therefore committed to identifying the possible causes and reasons for plagiarism and to offering the methodological tools that will help the student in his or her educational journey.

Art. 1 – Definition of plagiarism

Plagiarism is the attribution to oneself of the intellectual property of another's text or the content of another's work, in any part. In the context of academic studies, plagiarism most often consists of the inclusion in a written work "of a text taken from another author without the usual indication and precise reference to the source," as expressed in the Norms of University Ethics of the Pontifical Gregorian University [Art. 1,6].

Art. 2 – Types of plagiarism

§ 1. There are various types of plagiarism, which, in descending order of severity, consist of:

- a. in presenting as one's own another's text, however obtained, be it even with the author's consent;
- b. in quoting *ad litteram* some passage (even a short or translated one) from another's text without presenting it as a quotation (e.g., by omitting quotation marks and bibliographical indication, or even just the quotation marks);
- c. in paraphrasing another's text, without indicating its source, when such paraphrasing appears to be deliberately deceptive, and not merely occasional.

§2. On the other hand, it is permissible to use information or acquisitions that, in our context, are common heritage of general and academic culture, or can be found in the most widely used reference tools. However, it is recommended always to indicate, as far as possible, the sources used and to mention them in the bibliography.

Art. 3 – Procedure for Handling Plagiarism Cases and Penalties

The procedures to be followed and penalties to be applied when plagiarism is discovered are set out in Appendix 1 ("Protocol to be followed in plagiarism cases").

Art. 4 – Declaration of Originality of the Text

At the end of each cycle, the student, by signing a specially prepared form, is required to hand in with his paper a declaration in which he guarantees that he is the author of the entire text handed in, in accordance with the indications of these norms.

Art. 5 – Commitment of Students and Lecturers

In general, Students should remember that academic work does not consist simply in providing information or interpretations, but in methodically sourcing them, critically sifting them, and substantially reworking them, so as to foster creative research, the exposition of truth, and the growth of knowledge. To this end, lecturers and professors who direct papers, theses or dissertations are called upon to verify the correctness of the research methodology used by the students and to intervene with suggestions and corrections so that they grow organically in their formation.