**Tackling Plagiarism in Academic Writing**

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**Plagiarism** is the act of taking another person's writing, and passing it off as your own. This includes information from web pages, books, articles, artworks etc. When you hear about famous scholars getting in trouble for plagiarism, it usually means they copied exact sentences or almost-exact sentences and phrases from someone else and did not include a footnote or quotation marks or any kind of indication that the words were not their own.

**It is important that all the scholarly writing is plagiarism free. Otherwise it will be considered as academic misconduct and the person committing plagiarism will be penalised. However, there are many ways to effectively tackle plagiarism and produce quality research papers and reports. These include use of reference management system for citing papers, checking the draft research papers with plagiarism detection tools etc.**

The objective of this course is to provide a basic understanding of what constitutes plagiarism, types of plagiarism and the ways to prevent plagiarism. The course will also demonstrate on how to check plagiarism using one of the online plagiarism checking tools and the legal aspects of plagiarism prevention. After completion of this course the learner will be able to understand the ways to avoid plagiarism and prepare authentic and quality research reports and papers.

**Target**

Open to any student or faculty or learner who are into research at postgraduate, doctoral and post-doctoral levels.

**Learning Objectives**

Upon completing the course, one would be able to

* Acquire the skills in avoiding plagiarism in research reports
* Comprehend UGC regulations on preventing plagiarism.
* Check plagiarism using online plagiarism detection tools

**COURSE LAYOUT**

**Week One: Basics of Plagiarism**

Concept of Academic Integrity & Academic Misconduct. Definition of plagiarism, Plagiarism and its types, Intentional and Unintentional Plagiarism.

**Week Two: UGC Regulations on Preventing Plagiarism**

Legal implications of plagiarism. Disciplinary procedures. UGC Regulations, Penalty Clauses, Types of documents to be checked.

**Week Three: Methods of preventing Plagiarism**

Reference Management. Plagiarism detection tools.

**BOOKS AND REFERANCE**

Doing Honest Work in College: How to Prepare Citations, Avoid Plagiarism, and Achieve Real Academic Success, Charles Lipson University of Chicago Press, 01-Apr-2013

The Little Book of Plagiarism, Richard A. Posner Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group, 12-Mar-2009

Plagiarism, the Internet, and Student Learning: Improving Academic Integrity By Wendy Sutherland-Smith, Routledge, 24-Apr-2008

Library Plagiarism Policies, Vera Stepchyshyn, Robert S. Nelson Assoc of Cllge &amp; Rsrch Libr, 2007

**Week 1: Introduction**

During this week, i.e. the first week we will discuss about the concept of academic integrity and different types of academic misconduct. The plagiarism is considered as the most heinous form of academic misconduct or misbehaviour. During this week’s lessons we will also learn the basic concept of plagiarism and its types.

**Week 2: Introduction**

Hi, In the previous week we learned about the basics of plagiarism. Higher educations across the world have adopted different policies and procedures for penalising the academics who commit plagiarism. These ranges from mere warning to expulsion from the organization in case of students and termination from the job in case of faculty and staff. The University Grants Commission, the apex body of India higher education specified the clauses for penalizing those who commit plagiarism in Indian academic context in its Regulations on Promoting Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism published in 2018. In this week’s lessons we will go through the UGC regulations on plagiarism.

**Week 3 Introduction**

Hi, in week two, we learned about the regulations that the higher educations in should follow for preventing plagiarism as well as penalise those who commits the offence. In this week, we will learn the precautions that are to be taken to avoid plagiarism. Also, we will see how to check plagiarism using a plagiarism detection tool.

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