

Bismillahir Rahmanir Raheem

IOU'S PLAGIARISM POLICY

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the universe and peace and blessing be upon the last messenger Muhammad and all those who follow his path with righteousness until the Last Day.

Please read and understand this policy in details before attempting any assignments at IOU.

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said, "He who deceives us is not one of us."

One common form of deception in studies is plagiarism. Plagiarism is sometimes misunderstood to refer to copying alone; however plagiarism is much deeper than just copying. It includes quoting without proper references, collaboration and stealing other people's ideas and passing them off as one's own.

"According to the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary, to "plagiarize" means

- to steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one's own
- to use (another's production) without crediting the source
- to commit literary theft
- to present as new and original an idea or product derived from an existing source.

In other words, plagiarism is an act of fraud. It involves both stealing someone else's work and lying about it afterward..." (<http://plagiarism.org/>)

The Islamic Online University will not tolerate plagiarism in any form, and any student caught plagiarizing will be penalized. Depending on the severity of the plagiarism, the penalty could range from reduction of marks to rejection of the paper itself.

With respect to the assignments, the following constitutes plagiarism:

- 1) Copying someone else's assignment
- 2) Collaboration and working together on an assignment
- 3) Copying and Pasting entire articles of the internet
- 4) Quoting someone else's work without referencing the author
- 5) Using someone else's ideas or words without referencing them

To avoid plagiarism, be sure to:

- Use quotation marks around a quote and cite the source.
- Reference all quotations and citations
- Reword/paraphrase. Don't write word for word what you have read. Take notes first in your own words, then write your assignment from your notes (not the text).

For more information on how to avoid plagiarism and how to properly cite a source, visit the following websites:

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/plan/college-success/10314.html>

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/plagiarism.html>

Also you may test your understanding of plagiarism here:

<https://ilrb.cf.ac.uk/plagiarism/tutorial/whatis1.html>

As a student you should realize that plagiarizing will not allow your own research and critical thinking to develop. Writing original and well referenced articles will sharpen your research skills and increase the depth of your knowledge besides developing your critical thinking skills.

As a Muslim student of knowledge remember that we are studying Allah's religion, and so plagiarizing in Islamic Studies is a big sin and can rob your studies of reward.

May Allah bless you all with success with your coursework. Ameen.

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