

Plagiarism

Plagiarism can be described broadly as copying the work of another and passing it off as one's own. You are deemed guilty of plagiarism if you submit written work for assessment that has been copied either directly or with only minor changes of working from books, articles, the Internet, or another student's work without acknowledgement and reference. This is both unethical and equivalent to cheating at examinations and illegal under copyright laws. Plagiarism also reveals an unwillingness to think for oneself, being therefore diametrically opposed to the spirit of university studies. Direct copying from a book, an article, or a site on the Internet without adequate acknowledgement and references will therefore be penalised. See our advice on using internet sources in Section 6.3.

Submitted written work must be the result of your own efforts. The Assessed Coursework/Essay work form requires you to sign a declaration declaring that the work is your own.

Plagiarism is viewed as a serious breach of the University's examination regulations. The University's General Regulations define plagiarism as 'passages from other works (or a paraphrase of such) incorporated without acknowledgement and with the intention of it being taken to be the candidate's own work' (see University Calendar, Book I, *General Regulations*) and stipulates strict penalties for violations.

The School of History is committed to upholding the highest standards of scholarship and will not tolerate violations of this fundamental rule.