PLAGIARISM AND COPYRIGHT

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Topics We Will Cover

- What is Copyright?
- “Fair Use” of Copyrighted material
- Plagiarism
- Citing and using citation management software
Copyright

- What is Copyright?
  - U.S. Constitution, art 1, Section 8
  - Copyright Act of 1976

- “Fair Use” of Copyrighted material
  - **Purpose** and character of the use, including whether such use is of a commercial nature or is for nonprofit educational purpose;
  - **Nature** of the copyrighted work;
  - **Amount** and substantiality of the portion used in relation to the copyrighted work as a whole; and
  - The **effect** of the use upon the potential market for or value of the copyrighted work.

(Copyright Act of 1976)
Purpose

- FAVORING
  - Teaching
  - Research
  - Scholarship

- OPPOSING
  - Commercial use
  - Entertainment
  - Failing to give credit to the original author

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- **Favoring**
  - Small quantity
  - Portion used not central to entire work

- **Opposing**
  - Large portion or whole work
  - “Heart of the work”
## Effect

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<td>User owns lawfully acquired work</td>
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<td>One or few copies made</td>
<td>Numerous copies made</td>
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<td>No significant effect on the market</td>
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Public Domain/Government Docs

- Anything in the Public Domain or printed by the U.S. Government can be used without copyright permission but should be cited.
  - Public Domain – most everything published before 1923 can be used without permission and copied freely
  - Government Documents – most can be used without permission and copied freely
Plagiarism

Defined:

“The act or an instance of copying or stealing another’s words or ideas and attributing them as one’s own.” (Garner, 2001).
Actions that might be seen as plagiarism

- Hiring someone to write your paper
- Buying, stealing, or borrowing a paper
- Copying from sources without citing (on purpose or by accident)
- Building on someone’s ideas without citing
- Using the source too closely when paraphrasing
- Possibly Accidental Plagiarism

From “Avoiding Plagiarism.”

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Direct Quotes or Paraphrasing

- **Direct quotes?**
  - Use quotation marks, and cite the source.
  - EX (APA style): “Although [sic] literature suggests that plagiarism drops with age, many graduate students plagiarize.” (Ercegovac and Richardson, 2004)
  - EX (AMA style): “Although [sic] literature suggests that plagiarism drops with age, many graduate students plagiarize.”

- **Paraphrasing?**
  - No quotation marks, but cite the source.
  - EX (APA style): According to Ercegovac and Richardson (2004) the literature shows that there are “specific variables” associated with cheating.
  - EX (AMA style): As mentioned in an article, the literature shows that there are “specific variables” associated with cheating.
Information from interviewing a person?
  - Use quotation marks, and cite the source
    - EX: “Think of this dog. For them, that cat box is a vending machine.” (Becker, 2006).

Using diagrams, charts, illustrations, cartoons, pictures?

“Optical coherence tomography of macular hole showing edema as well as detachment of the surrounding cuff of retina.” (Riordan-Eva, 2008).
Using information from a professor’s lecture?

Cite the source.


Image EX:

(Mitsouras, 2007)

AMA Style would be (K. Mitsouras, unpublished data, 2007)
Citing Electronic Books

- **Standard book on the Internet (html)**
  - “The novice medical practitioner typically uses a "shotgun" approach to testing, hoping to hit a target without knowing exactly what that target is. The expert, on the other hand, usually has a specific target in mind and efficiently adjusts the testing strategy to it.” (Kasper, 2008).

- **Standard book on the Internet (pdf)**
  - “A clearly defined question should specify the types of people (participants), types of interventions or exposures, and the types of outcomes that are of interest.” (Higgins, p. 59, 2006).

Citing Electronic Journals

- **Standard journal on the Internet (pdf)**

- **Standard journal on the Internet (html)**

Citing Material from a Web Site

- **Standard citation from a home page**
  

- **Home page with an author**
  

- **Home page with organization as author**
  

Citing Other Material from a Web Site

- **Standard citation from a blog**

- **Electronic Mail message**

- **Standard citation from a wiki**


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Do Not Need to Cite

- Using information that is common knowledge?
- Reporting results from your own experiments or research?
- Compiling generally known facts?
Managing Citations

- EndNote bibliographic software
  - WesternU has a site license

- EndNote Web
  - Access through ISI Web of Science
Where to Get More Information

- Any style manual such as *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*.

- AMA Style Tutorial - [http://www.westernu.edu/xp/edu/library/tutorials.xml](http://www.westernu.edu/xp/edu/library/tutorials.xml)
  - AVMA uses AMA style

- APA Style Tutorial - [http://www.westernu.edu/bin/library/APATutorial2.pdf](http://www.westernu.edu/bin/library/APATutorial2.pdf)


- EndNote Web Tutorial - [http://www.westernu.edu/bin/library/EndNote_Web_Logging_On/EndNote_Web_logging_on_viewlet.swf.html](http://www.westernu.edu/bin/library/EndNote_Web_Logging_On/EndNote_Web_logging_on_viewlet.swf.html)

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