

Prevent Plagiarism – Educating Students

Messiah University Murray Library

Use Writers Reference as a Resource. Access Writers Reference through Canvas.
Review Section **R2-C: Take Notes Carefully to Avoid Unintentional Plagiarism**

Show Them Paper Mills! (Really!)

Let students know that you know about purchasing term papers and this isn't as clever or easy as they might think.

Education During Class

- Discuss plagiarism as a moral and ethical issue and avoidance of plagiarism as part of the Messiah community expectations. The relationship between faculty and students is based on trust; teach students the value of academic honesty and outline the responsibilities of being a junior member of the academic community.
- Discuss the benefits of citing sources properly. Proper attribution shows that the student has done thorough research and that the student has been exposed to a diverse range of thought and opinion. As a result, the paper will likely be stronger.
- Before the first assignment is due, outline the penalties for handing in plagiarized work and give examples of what the punishment has been for those caught plagiarizing in the past.

Student-Signed Form

Have student sign an honor form and attach it to their paper(s) signifying that they have not plagiarized.

Discuss plagiarism resources and education options with liaison librarian and Writing Center.