

Plagiarism Avoidance Tutorial Module 1: Orientation

Learning Objectives

- You will understand the purpose of the tutorial
- You will learn how to navigate the tutorial, how many modules there are, and how long it will generally take to complete
- You will learn about the final exam and how to save your score
- You will be able to list reasons why students may intentionally and inadvertently plagiarize.

Welcome to WVU's Plagiarism Avoidance Tutorial!

In this module, you will learn how to navigate the tutorial as well as what topics will be covered. At the end of this module, you should have a clearer understanding of the purpose of this tutorial and will be able to list reasons why students may intentionally and inadvertently plagiarize.

Why this tutorial?

Most students who plagiarize do so unintentionally or because they may feel they have no other choice, meaning that many cases of academic dishonesty result from a lack of knowledge, time, and/or resources.

As you will learn more about in Module 2, WVU's academic dishonesty policy includes several potential penalties for cases of plagiarism. This tutorial, then, aims to provide the knowledge and resources necessary to help you avoid cases of accidental plagiarism.

Students accidentally plagiarize for many reasons. Some do not understand how to use and incorporate outside resources correctly, for example, while others may not be familiar with citation formats or lack a strong enough understanding of a resource to be able to properly summarize or paraphrase it.

Over the course of this tutorial, you will be shown how to correctly include information in your papers and how to cite your sources. You will also be provided with resources to help with time management as well as with research and writing skills.

The Structure of the Tutorial

This tutorial has been broken into six modules.

1. Orientation Module

2. Defining Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty
3. Directly Quoting Sources
4. Paraphrasing and Summarizing Resources
5. Patchwriting
6. How to Get Help

Navigating the Tutorial

For each module, watch the video, then answer the self-check questions that test your understanding of each module's materials. There are also scripts for each video available with each module.

After completing the viewing/reading for each module, continue to the next, repeating this for Modules 1-6.

The Final Exam

After completing Module 6, you will be ready to continue to the final exam.

The exam consists of 20 questions that will test your understanding of all 6 modules.

After completing the exam, you will then be directed to a screen that asks for your name, email, or your instructor's name and email.

It is important to fill out this information and to input appropriate and correct information. Please use your full name and complete MIX email address for the tutorial. Doing so ensures your scores are sent to you and/or your instructor.

You may choose to only send the scores to yourself, and then forward the email with your score to your instructor if you wish.

After inputting this information, you will be directed to a screen that displays your score, a copy of which is sent to the email you provided on the previous screen.

Remember that you can revisit the link for this tutorial to retake the entire tutorial and the final exam.

Next up: Module 2 – Defining Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty

