

Avoiding Plagiarism

Everyone knows that plagiarism is wrong. Most people know that buying or borrowing someone else's work or uploading all or parts of a paper from a website is wrong. Bow Valley College has a code of academic honesty forbidding such practices and imposes severe penalties - ranging from a zero for the assignment to expulsion - on students who are caught breaking it.

However, not everyone is clear as to what plagiarism entails. In fact, most cases of plagiarism are often unintentional. Examples of plagiarism include:

- **Presenting someone else's ideas as your own.**
- **Submitting work that someone else has written.**
- **Using information from a source without citing the source:** In addition to a student intentionally or unintentionally not citing a source, it is quite common for students to use one source consecutively in a paragraph or paragraphs, only to cite that source just once or twice, leaving the other times the source is used as not being cited. When this occurs, the student is being academically dishonest.
- **Submitting the same paper for more than one class without the permission of BOTH instructors.**
- **Buying a paper.**
- **Writing an assignment with a group of people who are also writing the same assignment.**

For more information about academic honesty, go to Bow Valley College's "Academic Honesty Plain Language Summary", located at the following URL:

<https://bowvalleycollege.ca/-/media/bvc/student-resources/student-forms-policies-and-publications/documents/plain-language-policy-and-procedure/academic-honesty-policy-plain-language-final-version.ashx?la=en&hash=C8E98D5C2A534455D85B8EBF68DC4D921F1A334F>