Information about plagiarism

During your studies at the IIIEE you will often write and hand in different kinds of assignments, including your Master thesis, as part of your examination. It is therefore important that you are aware of, and fully understand, that plagiarism is forbidden in conjunction with assignments at the IIIEE. Most of your take-home written assignments will go through a plagiarism check which looks for similarities with other texts previously published on the www or in select databases. If plagiarism is detected consequences for the offending student could range from re-writing the assignment to being reported to the Disciplinary Board of Lund University, which can rule to suspend the student for a period of one to several months. In practice, a suspension of this kind for an IIIEE student means dropping out of the programme.

Plagiarism means passing off the work (either completely or in part) of another person, as one’s own. Any work that you submit for assessment in your own name must be your own work. Where you draw on the work of others you must reference this work, using the appropriate convention. Therefore, any work that you submit which is not referenced is, by default, claimed as your own work.

By “another person” or “others”, we mean anyone and everyone else apart from you, even when the individual is anonymous or unknown. Examples of what we mean by “work” include: writing (formal such as journal articles or books as well as informal); thoughts and ideas (e.g. notes, correspondence); conversations (e.g. emails, web pages, faxes); techniques (e.g. methodologies, structures, analytical techniques); graphics (e.g. diagrams, tables, exhibits, models); data (e.g. statistics, survey results); and many other examples.

Please note that it is not just copying and pasting a text that is considered plagiarism, but the act of pretending as if ideas are yours when they are actually somebody else’s. Thus, re-writing the thoughts of someone else in your own words might also be counted as plagiarism if the work is not attributed - and so, by default, claimed as your own work.

It is also unacceptable to present your own work as being that of others – a sort of “reverse plagiarism”. For example, inventing data or references to lend false credibility to your own work is misrepresentation and will be penalized. You may be asked to produce (or locate for inspection) a copy of any references or data you cite in work submitted for assessment.

To help you avoid plagiarism, the IIIEE Library offers copies of the Concise rules of the APA publication manual (APA is the referencing style recommended by the IIIEE) plus many electronic resources and IIIEE guidelines, available through the Library website. You will also have classes where plagiarism and how to avoid it will be discussed. If you have any questions, or need any help, you should ask the librarian at the IIIEE or your teacher/supervisor.
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I hereby officially state that I understand the seriousness of plagiarism, and that the consequence of plagiarism and other forms of cheating can be suspension from the programme.

Date and place

Signature

Printed name