Resources for recognizing and avoiding plagiarism

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At the University of Alberta

- Truth in Education Office
  www.tie.ualberta.ca/

- UA Libraries’ Guide to Plagiarism
  guides.library.ualberta.ca/plagiarism

- Plagiarism dot org
  www.plagiarism.org
Graph 4 – Undergraduate and Graduate Students – Number of Times They have Observed another Student Cheating

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<th>Frequency</th>
<th>Percentage of Respondents</th>
<th>Undergraduate Students</th>
<th>Graduate Students</th>
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<td>Never</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>58</td>
<td>69</td>
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<tr>
<td>Once</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Few times</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>17</td>
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<td>Several times</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Many times</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
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Graph 6 - Perception of Cheating as a Serious Problem on Exams - University of Alberta Faculty 2003, 2010, and Faculty at Other Universities 2009

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<th>Percentage of Respondents</th>
<th>University of Alberta 2003</th>
<th>Other Universities 2009</th>
<th>University of Alberta 2010</th>
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<td>Disagree</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>38</td>
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<td>Agree</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>37</td>
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<tr>
<td>Agree strongly</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
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Businesses that sell term papers to students

Hundreds of sites:
http://www.coastal.edu/library/presentations/mills2.html
Submit a student paper and text is matched against a database of other student papers or papers on the Web.

- [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com)
- [www.plagtracker.com](http://www.plagtracker.com)
Ethical Issues

- Guilty until proven innocent  
  (Faebert 2012, Read 2006)

- Intellectual property concerns 
  (Read 2006, Infantry 2011)

- Concerns about accuracy 
  (Jaschik 2009)

- Students submit their own papers and fix them up in advance 
  (Parry 2011a)
What are students copying

- “The top eight sites for matched content were Wikipedia, Yahoo Answers, Answers.com, SlideShare, OPPapers.com, Scribd, Course Hero, and MedLibrary.org”

- Paper mills were 15%

Parry 2011b
Citation Help

- UA Libraries – Citation help
  - www.library.ualberta.ca
Citation Software

- Knightcite
- Easybib
  - http://www.easybib.com
- Refworks (licensed by U of A)
  - http://guides.library.ualberta.ca/refworks
- Mendeley (free)
  - http://www.mendeley.com
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