

Why plagiarism is committed and how to avoid it

Unfortunately, plagiarism is a widespread practice in the academic world. Do you know the reasons why some students plagiarise ideas or texts by other authors?

- Poor management of the time devoted to study and academic work.
- Lack of personal effort when synthesising, processing and assimilating information.
- Imitation of this malpractice on the grounds that 'everybody does it'.
- The ambition to obtain the best academic results, no matter what.
- Lack of awareness of what needs to be cited and how to do it.

Now that you know the most common reasons that propel students to plagiarise let us explain what you can do to avoid this practice:

CITE the source of the passages you have reproduced word for word or the idea you have summarised.

REFERENCE all that you have quoted in the text in the bibliography or reference list at the end of your document.

PARAPHRASE, that is, express another author's idea in your own words. And, above all, don't forget to cite the source!

MANAGE YOUR TIME EFFICIENTLY

A proper management of your study time will keep you from having to rush and will enhance the quality of your work.

We would like to end this video with a quote from Eugeni d'Ors: *If it's not creation, it's plagiarism.* Be creative!