Writing and Citing: The Tools for Scholarly Work in Graduate School

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Disciplinary Conventions for Citation
Guidelines for Writing & Citing

• Give credit for ideas and information through citation, unless the information is common knowledge.

• Give credit for writing by putting ideas and information into your own words (paraphrasing).
The line between proper credit and plagiarism is gray, not black and white.

Opinions can differ about what constitutes plagiarism and what constitutes proper credit.
Today’s Take-Aways

• Read for insight, write for understanding, cite to give credit.
• Citations give credit for information and ideas, not for writing.²
• Disciplinary conventions differ, so ask faculty for advice when questions arise.

Citation Exercise & Discussion

• Can you ever take information from a source without providing citation?

• Is it ever acceptable to simply copy the writing from a source and cite it?

• How much do you have to modify a source’s writing to use it? 50%? 75%?

• For what kinds of documents do writing & citing guidelines apply?
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