Navigating the Dangerous Waters of Plagiarism

Responsible Conduct of Research
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- Research I University
- Western Educational Model
- Role of Assessment
- NC State Expectations
  - All work is your own
  - All work is unique to that assignment
Misconduct Types

- Cheating
- Plagiarism
- Aiding and Abetting Others to Cheat or Plagiarize
Plagiarism

- 10.1 Submitting written materials without proper acknowledgement of the source
- 10.2 Deliberate attribution to, or citation of, a source from which the referenced material was not in fact obtained

- The Code of Conduct as a Foundation...
Why Does this Happen?

• Student Doesn’t Understand Expectations
  – Different programs
  – Different cultures/educational models/values
• Sloppy Scholarship
• Poor Time Management
• Looking for Short-Cuts
• Lack of Original Work
Avoiding Plagiarism

- Understand Expectations
- Work Planning
- Note Taking and Organization
- When in Doubt...
Citation Basics

• APA Style
  – American Psychological Association: Social Sciences
  – http://www.apa.org/

• MLA Style
  – Modern Language Association: Liberal Arts/Humanities
  – http://www.mla.org/
Citation Basics

• Quotations
  – Exact language
  – Myth of size limit
  – Ideas (exact language always), facts (sometimes), and common knowledge (no need)
  – Faculty expectations vs. style manual
Citation Basics

- Paraphrase
  - Your words, other persons ideas
  - Parenthetical reference, footnote

- Summary Statements
  - Short and concise
  - Footnote, end of summary
Other Resources

• Office of Student Conduct
  – http://www.ncsu.edu/student_conduct

• Center for Academic Integrity
  – www.academicintegrity.org

• Rutgers
  – www.library.camden.rutgers.edu/EducationalModule/Plagiarism

• Ryerson
  – www.ryerson.ca/academicintegrity/tutorial.html