Plagiarism and Regulations on Discontinuation

Faculty of Science
The University of Hong Kong
Plagiarism
An academic misdemeanour is a **SERIOUS** disciplinary offence. The situation is particularly **SEVERE** in course assessment involving **submission of report/poster/presentation**, where students have been caught copying materials in bulk.
The Faculty **DOES NOT TOLERATE** PLAGIARISM.

Commitment of PLAGIARISM could result in **SEVERE PENALITY AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION INCLUDING REPRIMAND AND DISCONTINUATION.**
Plagiarism (cont.)

Details for plagiarism can be found in the Faculty of Science homepage (https://www.scifac.hku.hk/current/ug/academic/academic-honesty)

“What is Plagiarism?” available at https://tl.hku.hk/plagiarism/
In what situation would I be defined as having committed plagiarism?

Copying
- Text
- Work
- Graphics

A mean of violating **Academic Honesty** from internet, books, or any forms of information **WIThOUT proper paraphrasing or acknowledgement**

When in doubt, talk to your **Academic Adviser / Teacher / Tutor.**
Disciplinary Issues
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• Besides plagiarism, you should be aware of your conduct, behaviour and always uphold your integrity.
• NEVER attempt cheating, falsification of documents.
• Any disciplinary infringements will be considered by the Disciplinary Committee; penalty ranges from reprimand to expulsion from the University depending on the seriousness of the offense.
Inclusive Language in Academic Work
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• Awareness and sensitive to the use of language
  • To generate more thoughtful and respectful use of language
  • To reduce discrimination by promoting a balanced and considerate engagement with social diversity
  • To avoid words and phrases that stereotype, marginalise and demean social groups

Regulations on Discontinuation
Progression and Discontinuation

- The Faculty stresses the importance of the academic performance of students. Students who do not perform satisfactorily may be recommended for discontinuation of their studies.

- a) BSc

  - Sc5(h) Candidates shall be recommended for discontinuation of their studies if they have:
    - (i) failed to complete successfully 36 or more credits in two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester), except where they are not required to take such a number of credits in the two given semesters; or
    - (ii) failed to achieve an average Semester GPA of 1.0 or higher for the two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester); or
    - (iii) exceeded the maximum period of registration specified in Sc3, unless otherwise permitted by the Board of the Faculty.
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• b) BSc(ActuarSc)

- AS5(g) Candidates shall be recommended for discontinuation of their studies if they have:
  1. failed to complete successfully 36 or more credits in two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester), except where they are not required to take such a number of credits in the two given semesters, or
  2. failed to achieve an average Semester GPA of 1.0 or higher for two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester), or
  3. exceeded the maximum period of registration specified in AS3, unless otherwise permitted by the Board of the Faculty.
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• c) BASc(AppliedAI)

• AAI10 Unless otherwise permitted by the Board of the Faculty, candidates shall be recommended for discontinuation of their studies if they have:
  
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  (c) exceeded the maximum period of registration specified in AAI3.
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• G11 Unsatisfactory performance or progress:
  A student whose performance at examinations or in coursework or in such class tests as may be held from time to time is unsatisfactory, or in the case of a higher degree student whose progress is unsatisfactory, may be required by the Senate to discontinue his studies.

• Students who are recommended for discontinuation of their studies will be interviewed by the Faculty Review Committee on Student Performance and Discontinuation (FRC) before their cases are considered by the University's Committee on Discontinuation (CoD). The FRC normally meets in January/February and July every year.
Useful Contact

• Faculty of Science Office
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  - Tel.: 3917 2683
  - Website: https://www.scifac.hku.hk/

• Academic Advising Office (AAO)
  - http://aao.hku.hk

• Academic Support and Examinations Section
  - http://www.ase.hku.hk

• HKU Worldwide Undergraduate Exchange Programme
  - https://aal.hku.hk/studyabroad/
Advice and Support from the University

- Academic Advising Office (AAO)
- Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS)
  - Counselling & Person Enrichment / Careers & Placement / Campus Life / Student Development
- University Health Service (UHS)
  - Health issues