

# Plagiarism and Regulations on Discontinuation

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# Plagiarism

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# Plagiarism and Academic Honesty

- An academic misdemeanour is a **SERIOUS** disciplinary offence.

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## Plagiarism (cont.)

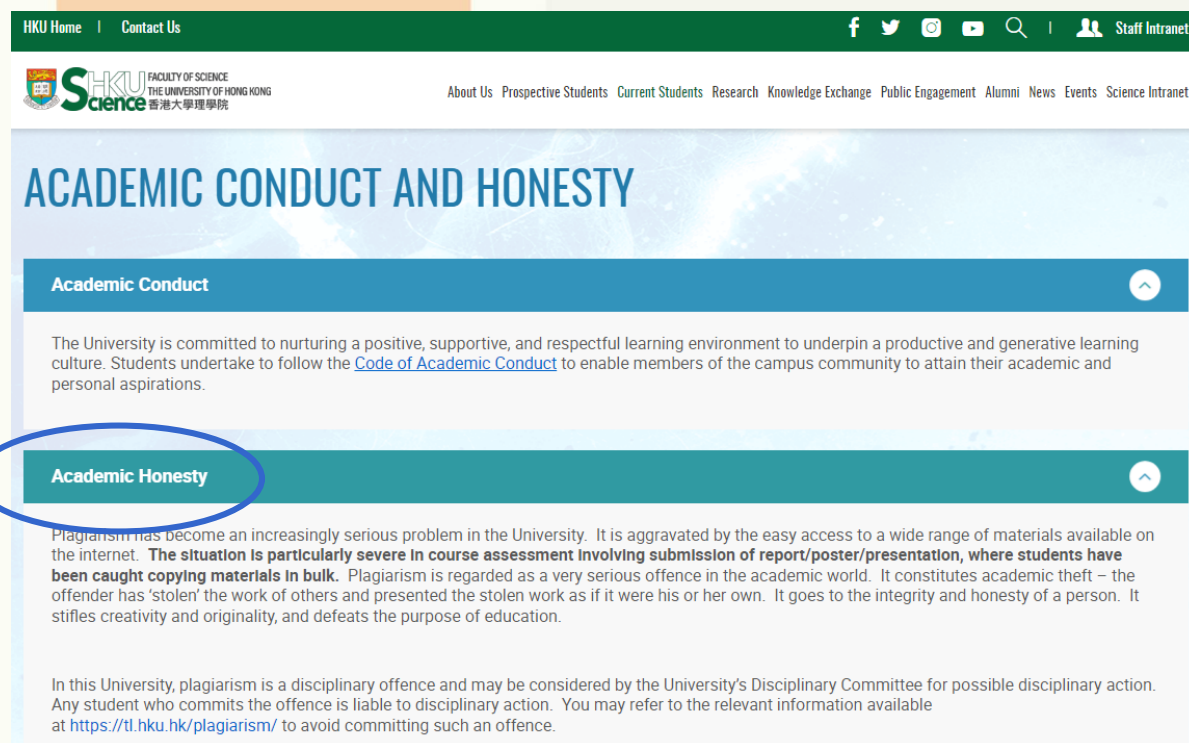
The Faculty **DOES NOT TOLERATE** PLAGIARISM.

Commitment of PLAGIARISM could result in SEVERE  
PENALTY 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-conduct-and-honesty>)



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## ACADEMIC CONDUCT AND HONESTY

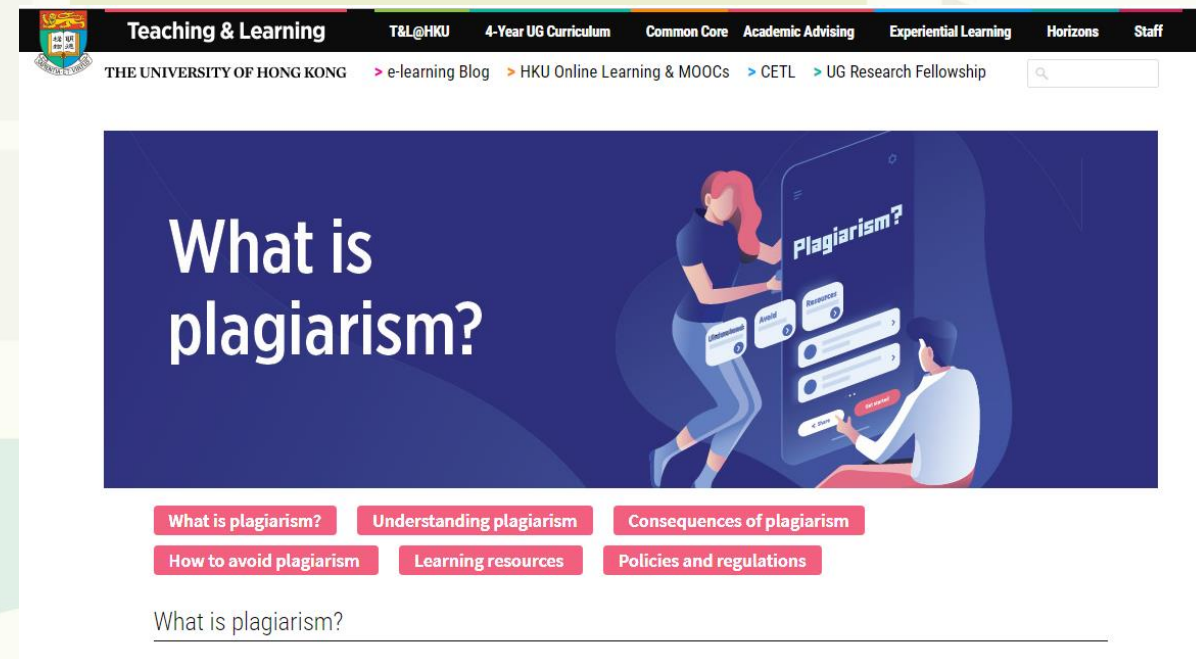
### Academic Conduct

The University is committed to nurturing a positive, supportive, and respectful learning environment to underpin a productive and generative learning culture. Students undertake to follow the [Code of Academic Conduct](#) to enable members of the campus community to attain their academic and personal aspirations.

### Academic Honesty

Plagiarism has become an increasingly serious problem in the University. It is aggravated by the easy access to a wide range of materials available on the internet. **The situation is particularly severe in course assessment involving submission of report/poster/presentation, where students have been caught copying materials in bulk.** Plagiarism is regarded as a very serious offence in the academic world. It constitutes academic theft – the offender has ‘stolen’ the work of others and presented the stolen work as if it were his or her own. It goes to the integrity and honesty of a person. It stifles creativity and originality, and defeats the purpose of education.

In this University, plagiarism is a disciplinary offence and may be considered by the University’s Disciplinary Committee for possible disciplinary action. Any student who commits the offence is liable to disciplinary action. You may refer to the relevant information available at <https://tl.hku.hk/plagiarism/> to avoid committing such an offence.



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# What is plagiarism?

Plagiarism?

- What is plagiarism?
- Understanding plagiarism
- Consequences of plagiarism
- How to avoid plagiarism
- Learning resources
- Policies and regulations

What is plagiarism?

“*What is Plagiarism?*”  
available at <https://tl.hku.hk/plagiarism/>





*In what situation I would  
be defined as having  
committed plagiarism?*

### **Copying**

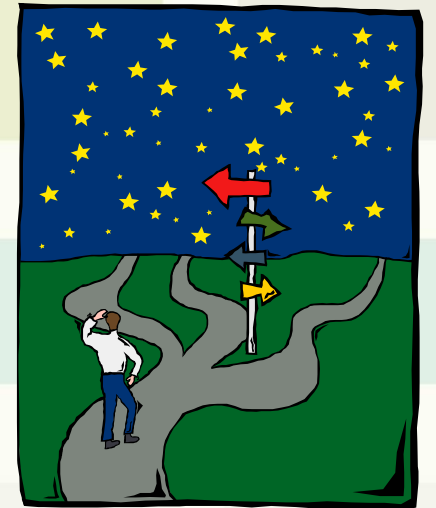
- Text
- Work
- Graphics

A mean of violating  
**Academic Honesty**

from internet, books, or any forms of  
information **WITHOUT** proper  
**paraphrasing or acknowledgement**

One should  
not say you  
don't know.....

**When in doubt, talk to your  
Academic Adviser / Teacher / Tutor.**





# Disciplinary Issues

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# Disciplinary Issues

- 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.*







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# Inclusive Language in Academic Work

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# Inclusive Language in Academic Work

- 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
- <https://tl.hku.hk/2018/07/use-of-inclusive-language-in-academic-work-a-guideline-for-undergraduate-and-taught-postgraduate-students/>





# Regulations on Discontinuation

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## 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 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.



## Progression and Discontinuation (Con't)

- **b) BSc&MRes**

- BM6(d) Candidates shall be recommended for discontinuation of their BSc and MRes 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 two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester), or
  - (iii) exceeded the maximum period of registration specified in BM3, unless otherwise permitted by the Board of the Faculty.





## Progression and Discontinuation (Con't)

- **c) BSc&LLB**

- ScL 14 Candidates shall be recommended for discontinuation of their studies if they have:
  - (a) 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
  - (b) failed to achieve an average Semester GPA of 1.0 or higher for two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester); or
  - (c) exceeded the maximum period of registration.



## Progression and Discontinuation (Con't)

- **d) BSc(ActuarSc)**
- AS5(g) 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 two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester), or
  - (iii) exceeded the maximum period of registration specified in AS3, unless otherwise permitted by the Board of the Faculty.



## Progression and Discontinuation (Con't)

- e) BAsc(AppliedAI)

- AAI10 Unless otherwise permitted by the Board of the Faculty, candidates shall be recommended for discontinuation of their studies if they have:
  - (a) failed to complete 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
  - (b) failed to achieve an average Semester GPA of 1.0 or higher for two consecutive semesters (not including the summer semester); or
  - (c) exceeded the maximum period of registration specified in AAI3.



## Progression and Discontinuation (Con't)

- **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**

- Address: G/F, Chong Yuet Ming Physics Building
- Email: science@hku.hk (General Enquiries)  
sci.ug.enquiry@hku.hk (Academic Matters)  
sci.ug.el@hku.hk (Experiential Learning & Enrichment Opportunities)
- Tel.: 3917 2683
- Website: <https://www.scifac.hku.hk/>

- **Academic Advising & Scholarships Office (AASO)**

- <http://aas.hku.hk>

- **Academic Support and Examinations Section**

- <http://www.ase.hku.hk>

- **HKU Worldwide Undergraduate Exchange Programme**

- [https://intlaffairs.hku.hk/avail\\_program.php?pid=27&type=outgoing](https://intlaffairs.hku.hk/avail_program.php?pid=27&type=outgoing)





## Advice and Support from the University

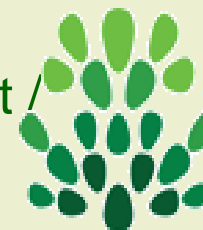
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### ✓ Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS)

- Counselling & Person Enrichment / Careers & Placement / Campus Life / General Education



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Centre of Development and Resources for Students  
學生發展及資源中心

### ✓ University Health Service (UHS)

- Health issues



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