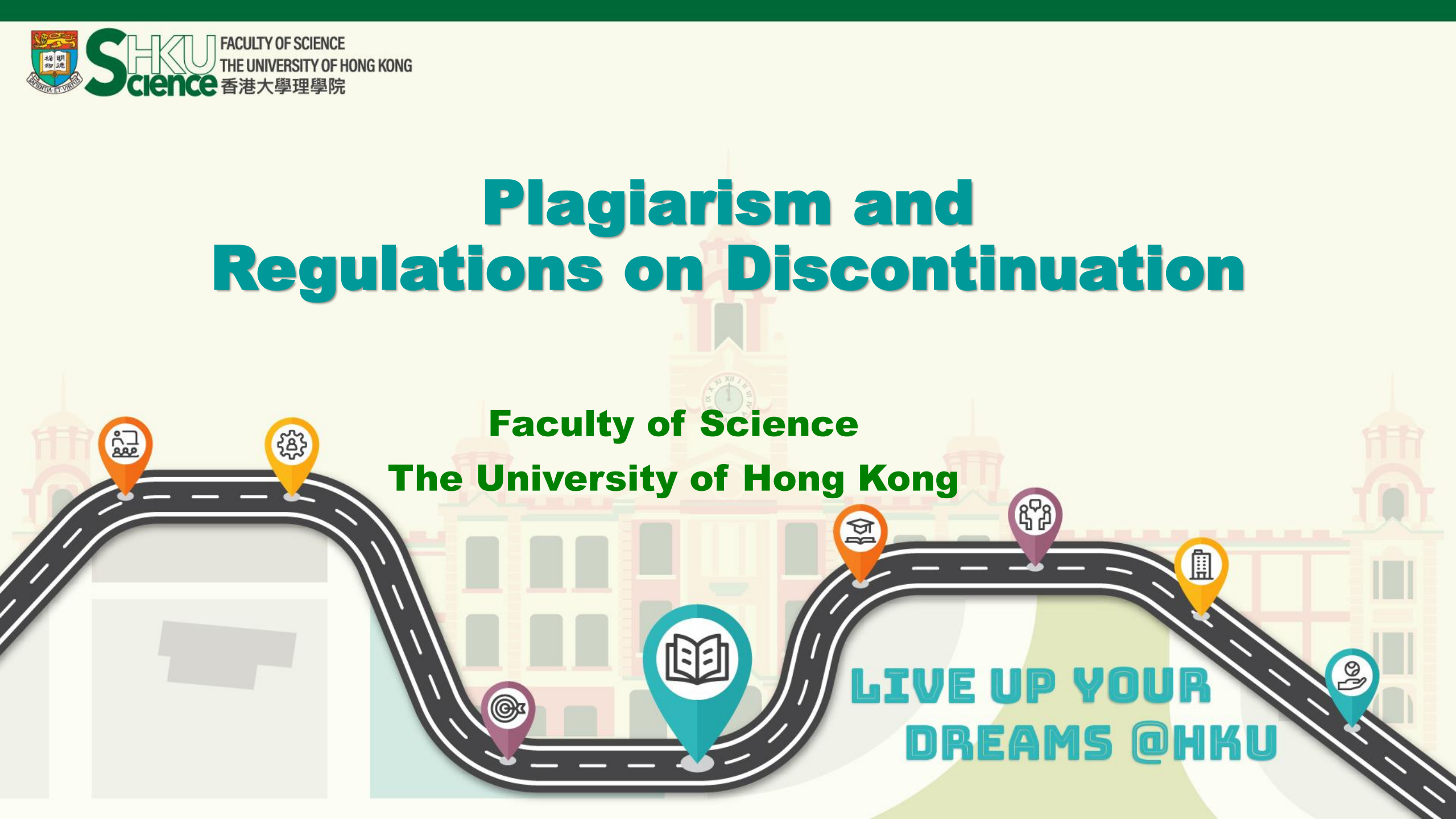


Plagiarism and Regulations on Discontinuation

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Plagiarism and Academic Honesty

- 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.



Plagiarism (cont.)

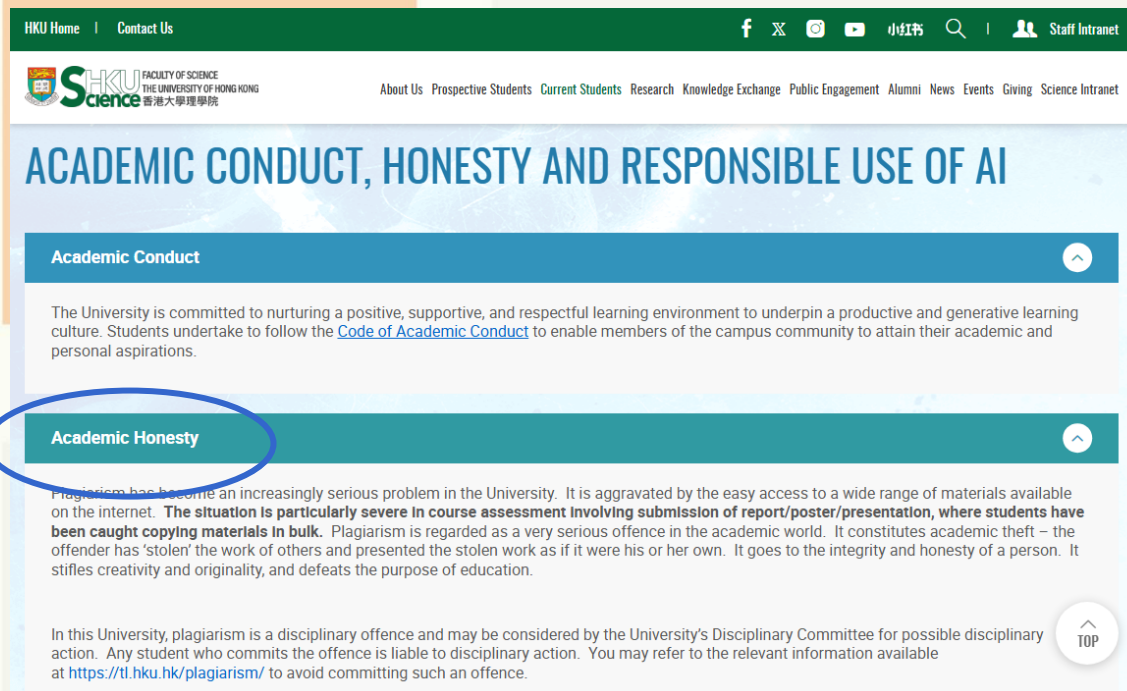
The Faculty **DOES NOT TOLERATE** PLAGIARISM.

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-honesty-and-ai>)



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ACADEMIC CONDUCT, HONESTY AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF AI

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.



Teaching & Learning

Generative AI e-learning Blog HKU Online Learning & MOOCs URFP

> T&L@HKU > 4-Year UG Curriculum > Common Core > Academic Advising > Experiential Learning > Horizons > CiCs > TALIC > Staff

What is plagiarism?

Plagiarism is a serious offence in the academic world. It constitutes academic theft – the offender has ‘stolen’ some intellectual property and presented it as his or her own. Plagiarism speaks to a person’s integrity and honesty, stifles creativity and originality, and defeats the fundamental purpose of education.

In this University, plagiarism is a disciplinary offence. Any student who commits the offence may face disciplinary action. It is the responsibility of all students at all levels to familiarize themselves with proper academic practice of writing, citation and referencing. This website provides general guidance on what constitutes plagiarism, why it is wrong, and how to avoid it. Students are also expected to seek specific guidance within their discipline and to consult the relevant University policies and regulations. Useful links are provided on this website.

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

“*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.**



Ethical and Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Any misuse of AI or misrepresentation of AI generated work as your own independent work constitutes academic misconduct under HKU regulations and may lead to disciplinary action.

Students are expected to:

- **Follow course-specific rules:** Always comply with your teacher's instructions on whether, when, and how AI may be used for a particular course, assignment, or assessment.
- **Be transparent when required:** Where AI use is allowed and disclosure is required, clearly indicate which tools you used and for what purpose.
- **Maintain genuine personal contribution:** AI must not replace your own thinking, analysis, or problem-solving. Work submitted for assessment should reflect your own understanding.
- **Use AI responsibly:** You are fully responsible for the accuracy, integrity and originality of any work you submit, regardless of whether AI tools were used.

For details, students should refer to the University "Academic Integrity and University-wide Core Principles for Using AI in Teaching and Assessment" available at the HKU Teaching and Learning Innovation Centre webpage: <https://talic.hku.hk/innovation/ai-ethics/core-principles/#academic-integrity>.



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.*





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/>





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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)

- **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/hku-worldwide-student-exchange>

Advice and Support from the University

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



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

- Student Support and Inclusion
- Mind and Wellbeing
- Careers and Employability
- Student Engagement and Leadership

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✓ **University Health Service (UHS)**

- Health issues



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