

Plagiarism and Academic Integrity

We at NUMS are very particular about academic integrity and encourage our participants to learn principles of good and ethical academic writing, academic integrity and avoid plagiarism.

Plagiarism can be intentional or unintentional. In Pakistan, most of students get involved in unintentional plagiarism due to lack of awareness about what it is.

Plagiarism is defined as “ the process or practice of using another persons’ ideas or works and pretending that it is your own” (Cambridge Dictionary)

The International Center for Academic Integrity defines academic integrity as a “commitment, even in the face of adversity, to six fundamental values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility, and courage. From these values flow principles of behavior that enable academic communities to translate ideals to action.”

Plagiarism includes sharing others works as your own, copying someone else’s work without giving due credit or not correctly mentioning the source. Please remember that if you have copied so much from another source that it forms major part of your essay or assignment, it will still be considered as plagiarism even if you give credit to the original source. This is considered as an offence and can have serious repercussions for you in your careers and during this programme.

References and useful links:

- 1- <https://www.plagiarism.org/article/what-is-plagiarism>
- 2- ReadWriteThink http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/lesson_images/lesson158/plagiarismactivity.pdf
- 3- <https://www.grammarly.com/plagiarism-checker>