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1.5	President and Vice-Chancellor	18 July 2019	18 July 2019	December 2016
Policy Statement				
Purpose	This Policy is the source document for defining terms related to plagiarism by the UNSW <i>Code of Conduct</i> , the <i>Student Code of Conduct</i> , and the <i>Research Code of Conduct</i> and related procedures and guidelines. It is also to be used as the sole source of definitions for use in educational and training material for staff and students related to preventing or handling plagiarism.			
Scope	This Policy applies to all staff and students in UNSW, including contract staff, visiting staff and conjoint appointments; coursework students and research students.			
Policy Provisions				

1. Introduction

UNSW has an ongoing commitment to foster a culture of learning informed by academic integrity. Plagiarism undermines academic integrity and is not tolerated at UNSW.

2. Plagiarism Policy Framework

The University manages plagiarism through a framework of policy and procedures (refer to Supporting Information), ranging from a preventative and an educative approach through to penalties where plagiarism is substantiated. The policy and procedures framework for managing plagiarism is illustrated in [Appendix A](#).

3. Roles & Responsibilities

All UNSW staff and students have a responsibility to adhere to the principle of academic integrity.

Academic staff should include this principle in their assessment design and course outlines in order to assist students to avoid plagiarism.

The President and Vice-Chancellor has overall responsibility for supervision of the University and has the power to impose penalties for breach of discipline or for misconduct of any kind. This power may be delegated.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic has overall responsibility for the operation of the *Student Misconduct Procedure*.

The Director, UNSW Conduct & Integrity manages allegations of plagiarism under the *Student Misconduct Procedure*.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic has overall responsibility for the operation of the *Research Code of Conduct*.

3.1. Support & Advice

Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic
Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research
Office of the Director, UNSW Conduct & Integrity
Student Integrity Unit. Questions on plagiarism should be directed to studentconduct@unsw.edu.au.

3.2. Communication

Staff and students will be advised about the relevant Codes of Conduct, Procedures and Guidelines through email, websites and publications as well as through formal and informal training.

4. Further Information

4.1. For staff

Information about assessment design to avoid plagiarism and the University's educative approach in managing allegations of plagiarism can be found on the Teaching Gateway and the Current Students website.

Staff members can also find information about how to handle student misconduct matters on the UNSW Current Students website.

Staff members can find information on academic plagiarism through the Research Ethics and Compliance Support section of the Research Gateway.

4.2. For students

Step-by-step guides for students about avoiding plagiarism and about student misconduct matters are available on the UNSW Current Students website.

5. Acknowledgements

The definition of plagiarism at UNSW can be found on the Current Students website and the A-Z Student Guide (myUNSW). It was first used by the UNSW Learning Centre, for the *Guidelines on student plagiarism, hand book for students (2005)*. The definition was based on that proposed to the University of Newcastle by the St James Ethics Centre and is used with kind permission from the University of Newcastle. The examples were adapted with kind permission from the University of Melbourne.

The Office of Research Integrity paper by Dr Miguel Roig titled "**Avoiding plagiarism, self-plagiarism, and other questionable writing practices: A guide to ethical writing**", has been relied upon to develop the definition of Self-Plagiarism. The article can be sourced from: <http://ori.dhhs.gov/sites/default/files/plagiarism.pdf> [accessed 30 May 2013].

Accountabilities	
Responsible Officer	Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic
Contact Officer	Director, UNSW Conduct & Integrity
Supporting Information	
Legislative Compliance	This Policy supports the University's compliance with the following legislation: Nil
Supporting Documents	Managing Plagiarism for Students Enrolled in Coursework Programs - Procedure
Related Documents	UNSW Code of Conduct Student Code of Conduct Research Code of Conduct Student Misconduct Procedure Handling Allegations of Research Misconduct Procedure Assessment Policy
Superseded Documents	Plagiarism Policy Statement v1.4
File Number	2016/00350
Definitions and Acronyms	
Plagiarism	Plagiarism at UNSW is using the words or ideas of others and passing them off as your own. Below are examples of plagiarism including self-plagiarism.

Copying	Using the same or very similar text or idea to the original text or idea without acknowledging the source or using quotation marks. This includes copying materials, ideas or concepts from a book, article, report or other written document, presentation, composition, artwork, design, drawing, circuitry, computer program or software, website, internet, other electronic resource, or another person's assignment, without appropriate acknowledgement. This can also include combining cited and non-cited (copied) passages.
Inappropriate paraphrasing	Changing a few words and phrases while mostly retaining the original structure and/or progression of ideas of the original, and information without acknowledgement. This also applies in presentations where someone paraphrases another's ideas or words without credit and to piecing together quotes and paraphrases into a new whole, without appropriate referencing.
Collusion	Presenting work as independent work when it has been produced in whole or part in collusion with other people. Collusion includes students providing their work to another student before the due date, or for the purpose of them plagiarising at any time, obtaining the help of another person to perform an academic task and passing it off as your own, stealing or acquiring another person's academic work and copying it, offering to complete another person's work or seeking payment for completing academic work. This should not be confused with academic collaboration.
Contract cheating	A form of collusion, where a student obtains the help of another person to perform all or part of an academic task that the student subsequently submits as their own work, whether or not they have paid for this service. This includes circumstances where a student submits work they edited which was substantially the work of another person, or where a student prepares a draft that is substantially modified by another, that goes beyond minor editing.
Inappropriate citation	Citing sources which have not been read, without acknowledging the 'secondary' source from which knowledge of them has been obtained. This can also include fabricating citations that are non-existent, or inaccurately citing sources which goes beyond typographical errors.
Self-plagiarism	'Self-plagiarism' occurs where an author republishes their own previously written work and presents it as new findings without referencing the earlier work, either in its entirety or partially. Self-plagiarism is also referred to as 'recycling', 'duplication', or 'multiple submissions of research findings' without disclosure. In the student context, self-plagiarism includes re-using parts of, or all of, a body of work that has already been submitted for assessment without proper citation.

Revision History

Version	Approved by	Approval date	Effective date	Sections modified
1.0	President and Vice-Chancellor	11 December 2013	11 December 2013	This is a new policy
1.1	Acting Head of Governance	8 January 2016	8 January 2016	References to Pro-Vice Chancellor Students and Contact Officer amended
1.2	Acting Head of Governance	18 February 2016	29 February 2016	Administrative updates to senior leadership positions.
1.3	Administrative update by the Director of Governance	17 August 2016	17 August 2016	Admin update to staff/unit responsible for managing plagiarism under the <i>Student Misconduct Procedure</i> ; template refresh
1.4	Administrative update by the Director of Governance	8 August 2017	15 August 2017	Administrative update to senior positions
1.5	President and Vice-Chancellor	18 July 2019	18 July 2019	Minor changes arising from the Student Academic Integrity Audit to include amendment to the definition of copying and a new definition of contract cheating.

Appendix A: Policy and Procedures Framework for Managing Plagiarism

