

# Information Technology

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## Plagiarism and Turnitin.com

Indiana University's *Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct* (Copyright 1998 The Trustees of Indiana University) states the following on the Academic Misconduct of Plagiarism:

*"The university may discipline a student for academic misconduct, which is defined as any activity which tends to undermine the academic integrity of the institution. Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:*

*Section 3. Plagiarism.*

*A student must not adopt or reproduce ideas, words, or statements of another person without appropriate acknowledgment. A student must give credit to the originality of others and acknowledge an indebtedness whenever he or she does any of the following:*

- a. Quotes another person's actual words, either oral or written;*
- b. Paraphrases another person's words, either oral or written;*
- c. Uses another person's idea, opinion, or theory; or*
- d. Borrows facts, statistics, or other illustrative material, unless the information is common knowledge."*

Information Technology currently employs the online plagiarism tool, Turnitin. ([www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com))

### What is Turnitin?

Turnitin is an online resource for educators and students concerned with developing quality writing and research skills. This is done by:

- ✓ providing a reliable, efficient, and powerful deterrent to digital plagiarism
- ✓ hosting an online interface for convenient and innovative peer-to-peer review
- ✓ allowing for online grading with full contextual markup, use of rubrics, and quickmarks

### How does this service prevent plagiarism?

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