

# *Coursework for Research Studies and How to Avoid Plagiarism*

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# *Coursework for Research Studies*



# Graduate School Compulsory Coursework Components

## Four Compulsory and Generic Courses

- Introduction to Thesis Writing
- Research Ethics for Graduate Students
- Transferable Skills
- Research Methods (Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods / Qualitative Research Methods; Intermediate Quantitative Research Methods; Applied Quantitative Research Methods)



# Faculty/Departmental Compulsory Coursework Components

- Some Departments/Faculties also offer “in-lieu-of courses”, i.e. students can take these courses in lieu of the GS courses to fulfil the coursework requirement.
- Details can be found at <https://www.gradsch.hku.hk/gradsch/page/detail/492>



# Compulsory Coursework

## 3-Year PhD Students

- Research Ethics for Graduate Students

## MPhil and 4-Year PhD Students

- All four GS courses
- Other courses assigned by own Faculties/Schools/Departments

\*Students may apply for exemption from GS courses if they have completed equivalent training before.



# Cross-Institutional Course Enrolment

- Opportunities to take courses only offered by sister institutions in Hong Kong; applications should be endorsed by supervisor and Departmental Research Postgraduate Committee (DRPC)
- May take cross-u courses to fulfill up to **50%** of the Faculty/School/Departmental requirements
- Courses offered under the Joint Centre for Advanced Studies (JCAS)
- Details can be found via <http://www.jcas.hk/>.



# Assessment

- All courses/modules taken by research postgraduate students are assessed on a **pass/fail** basis



# Timeline of Compulsory Coursework

- To pass all Graduate School courses, and pass at least 50% of the Faculty/School/Departmental courses by the **end of the probationary period**
- To complete all coursework requirements **before thesis submission**





# English Enhancement Opportunities

- Provide Intensive English Course for selected students
- Focus on Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening
- Complete a 30-hour intensive course + additional 60-hour individual/group study or project work
- Fulfill self-access, speaking and writing tasks



# Workshops

## Workshops supporting graduate studies

- Writing Boot Camp
- Writing Right: Writing Accurately and Clearly
- Getting Published in Academic Journals
- Effective Conference Preparation and Participation
- Effective Academic Speaking Skills
- Transdisciplinary Research
- Advanced Research Methods



# Workshops

Workshops focusing on professional development

- Sharing sessions with visiting scholars
  - Academic career
  - Alternative academic career
- Grant writing workshops
- Partnership in teaching and learning in RPg education

Please make sure you check your bulk emails or visit the GS website to get the information on the workshops. Registration is required for workshops.



# Research Data Management

**Students registered in Sept 2017 and thereafter**

- To submit a **Data Management Plan (DMP)**, if applicable, before the expiry of probationary period
- To submit the **dataset of your research**, if applicable, when you submit thesis for examination

Details of submission of DMP and dataset are available on University Libraries' web site.

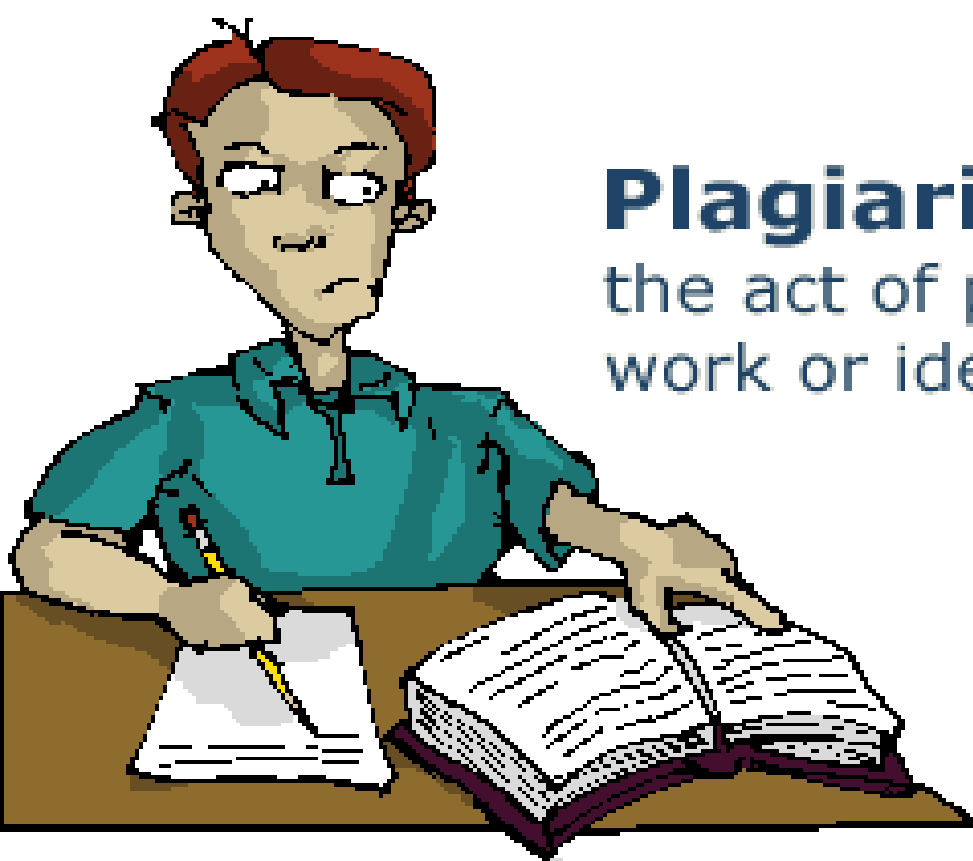
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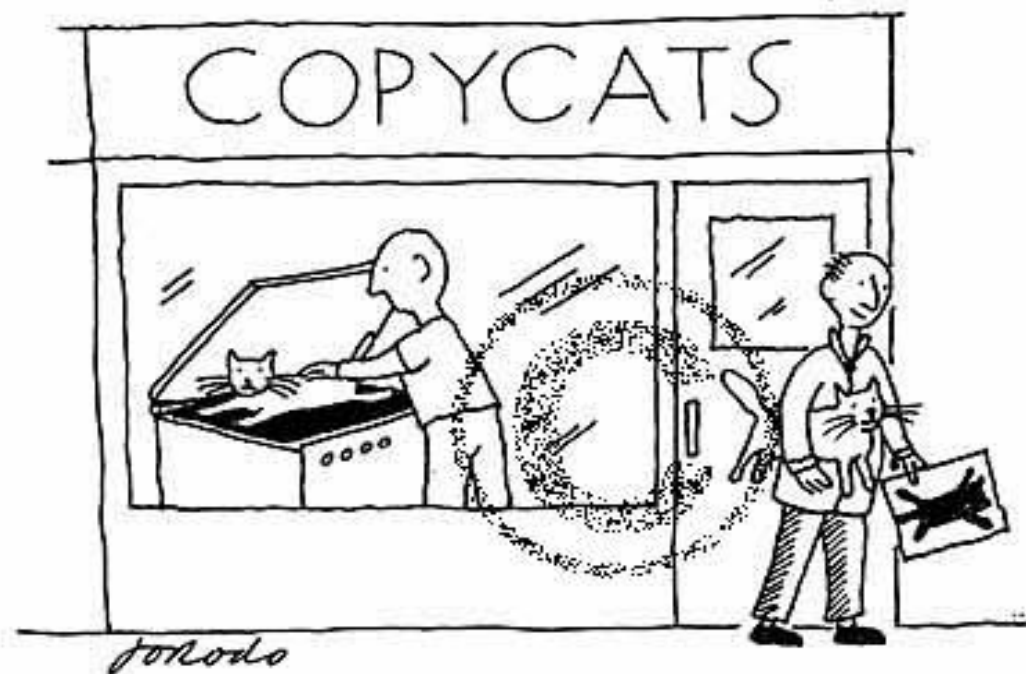
# *How to Avoid Plagiarism*





## Plagiarism:

the act of presenting another's work or ideas as your own.





# Plagiarism

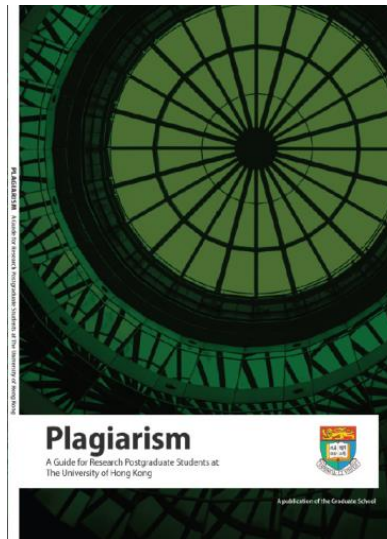
- Types of Plagiarism

|                      | <b>Direct</b>   | <b>Indirect</b>   |
|----------------------|---|---|
| <b>Intentional</b>   | Cut-Copy-Pasting from Wikipedia without proper citation for an on-line encyclopedia | Changing the particulars (time, date, location) and some phrases to present a previous student's laboratory report as a new one |
| <b>Unintentional</b> | "Forgetting" to put quotes around a passage taken directly from another's work      | Using key words or phrases from a work the student cannot reasonably be expected to be familiar with                            |



# Plagiarism

- Booklet on “Plagiarism” – available to all RPg students on GS website under “Publications & Newsletters”
  - The University views any act of plagiarism as of the utmost seriousness and it is a form of academic misdemeanour which the University will not tolerate.





# How to Avoid Plagiarism

- To identify material taken from another source
- To cite the sources from which you obtained your material when paraphrasing ideas or offering quotes in a research paper
- ‘Cite While you Write’ – registered trademark of Endnote



# Compulsory Plagiarism Check on Theses

- To have compulsory ‘Turnitin Check’ for all theses before submission for examination/re-examination with effect from January 1, 2011



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