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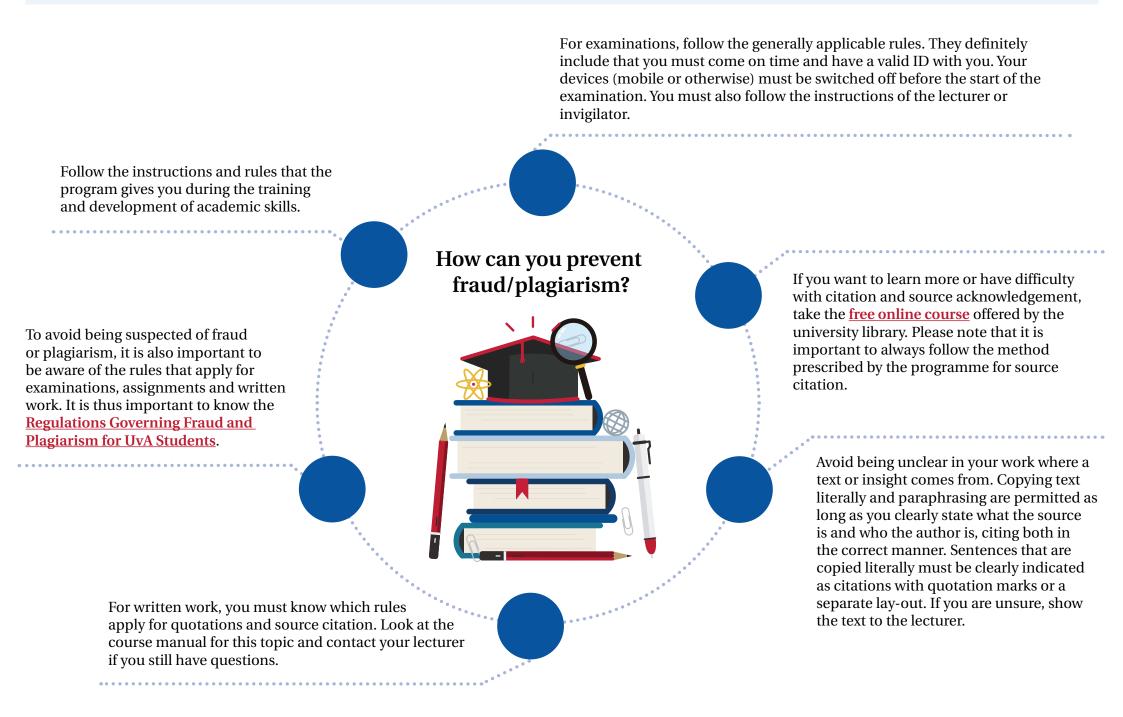


Academic integrity guide: Fraud and plagiarism

The Faculty of the Humanities attaches great importance to academic integrity in research and education. There are five primary principles: honesty, carefulness, transparency, independence and responsibility. Preventing and reprimanding behaviour that is out of integrity, particularly fraud and plagiarism, occupy a prominent place in our education. This is meant to ensure that the value of your diploma will never be questioned.

What are fraud and plagiarism?

In the <u>Regulations Governing Fraud and Plagiarism for UvA Students</u>, the following definition of fraud and plagiarism is used: *"as any act or omission on the part of the student which makes an accurate assessment of his/her knowledge, insight and skills partially or wholly impossible. Plagiarism is a form of fraud."* Plagiarism is a specific form of fraud that includes copying text, data or ideas of other people without a complete and correct acknowledgement of the source.



What happens if you are suspected of fraud?

It is important to realise that students can also be complicit in fraud and plagiarism and have sanctions imposed. A clear example of complicity is allowing your fellow students to copy your work. Even with joint projects, you are complicit of plagiarism if you could have or must have known that the other person was plagiarising.

If fraud/plagiarism is suspected, the lecturer or invigilator informs the Examinations Board and hands over the relevant documentation and a description of the findings to this committee. Then you are informed of this step and all communication from then on proceeds via the Examinations Board until it forms its judgement.

Role of the Examinations Board

Complicity

After receiving a notification of a suspected case of plagiarism or fraud, the Examinations Board will investigate the case and interview you within two weeks. Based on the outcome of its investigation, the Examinations Board decides whether there is a case of (serious) fraud/plagiarism and which sanction to impose if there is. The procedure to be followed and the possible sanctions are reported in the previously cited fraud and plagiarism regulations. For more information look at the webpages of the <u>Examinations Board</u>.