

CODE OF ETHICS TO CHECK MALPRACTICES AND PLAGIARISM IN RESEARCH

The Oxford Dictionary defines **plagiarism** as “the practice of taking someone else’s work or ideas and passing them off as one’s own”. Research misconduct, thus, means fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism in proposing, performing, or reviewing research, or in reporting research results. Research misconduct, however, does not include honest error or mere differences of opinion.

The set of guidelines is put in place to maintain the quality of the students’ papers as well as research papers published by the faculties in different peer-reviewed journals and books. It is hoped that these guidelines will help the researchers to avoid intended and unintended misconducts while working on their research works.

Plagiarism involves the following:

- (a) Reproducing, in whole or part, text/sentences from a report, book, thesis, publication or from the online resources.
- (b) Reproducing one’s own previously published data, illustrations, figures, images, or someone else’s data, etc.
- (c) Taking material from class-notes or downloading material from internet sites, and incorporating it in one’s class reports, presentations, manuscripts or thesis without citing the original sources.
- d) Duplicate Publication: publishing the same article in two different books or journals. The same is applicable for abstracts. Unexplained duplication of publication is self-plagiarism too.

Steps to avoid Malpractices:

1. Students or faculty members while going for data collection to other institutes must carry College Letter and their College I-Cards. They need to maintain a record of the institutes visited, persons interviewed/met for research data collection etc.
2. The Students need to be aware that the contents of their papers are not plagiarized with proper citations in place. If they have any doubts regarding citations, they must discuss the issues with the faculty.
3. Faculty members while submitting research papers in journals and edited volumes need to fill up a Copyright Form mentioning the issues regarding citations and sources.
4. The faculty members will be checking the Plagiarism Percentage of the students’ papers before they are accepted as contributions to *Different Strokes*.

Failure to comply with the provisions might compromise the College’s claim to intellectual property and action will be taken as per the University/UGC norms.

Plagiarism checker: <https://www.prepostseo.com/>