

PLAGIARISM - DECLARATION COVER SHEET

PLAGIARISM

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*Plagiarism consists of a person presenting another person's ideas, findings or work as one's own by copying or reproducing the work without due acknowledgement of the source. Plagiarism is the theft of intellectual property. **The University regards plagiarism as a very serious offence.** At the very least, it is a misuse of academic conventions or the result of poor referencing practice. Where it is deliberate and systematic, plagiarism is cheating.*

Plagiarism can take several forms, examples of which are give below:

- 1. Presenting substantial extracts from books, journal articles, theses and other published or unpublished work (e.g. working papers, seminars and conference papers, internal reports, computer software, lecture notes or tapes, and other students' work) without clearly indicating the source of the material;*
- 2. Using very close paraphrasing of sentences or whole paragraphs without due acknowledgement in the form of reference to the original work;*
- 3. Quoting directly from a source and failing to insert quotation marks around the quoted passages. In such cases it is not adequate merely to acknowledge the source;*
- 4. Copying essays or essay extracts or buying existing essays from Internet websites or other sources;*
- 5. Verbatim copying and pasting of **figures** from other publications without acknowledging the source;*
- 6. Closely replicating the structure of someone else's argument without clear reference and due credit to the source;*

The University is committed to detecting all cases of student plagiarism. All cases will be dealt with in accordance with the University's Examination Regulations.

Penalties for plagiarism include:

- 1. Awarding lower marks or no marks for the assessed work;*
- 2. Awarding lower marks or no marks for the unit;*
- 3. Awarding a lower class of degree or other academic award;*
- 4. Excluding the student from the award of a degree or other academic award, which may be either permanent or for a stated period.*

PLAGIARISM DECLARATION

By signing this declaration, you are confirming in writing that the work you are submitting is original and does not contain any plagiarised material.

I confirm that this assignment is my own work, and that the work of other persons has been fully acknowledged.

Signature: _____

Date: _____