



Plagiarism: Tools for Prevention and Detection

The following resources represent some of the tools available for the prevention and detection of plagiarism. Though not exhaustive, the web sites and databases below should prove helpful when exploring issues related to academic plagiarism.

Tools for Prevention

Read Up!

Carroll, J. (2002). *A handbook for deterring plagiarism in higher education*. Oxford: Oxford Centre for Staff and Learning Development.

Harris, R. A. (2002). *Using sources effectively: strengthening your writing and avoiding plagiarism*. Los Angeles, CA: Pyczak Publishing.

Robin, R. Theodore. (2004). *Scandals and scoundrels: seven cases that shook the academy*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Stuart Hannabuss. (2001). Contested texts: Issues of plagiarism. *Library Management*, 22(6/7), 311-318. Retrieved August 20, 2009, from ABI/INFORM Research. (Document ID: 261122011).

Sutherland-Smith, W. (2008). *Plagiarism, the Internet, and student learning: improving academic integrity*. New York: Routledge.

Tutorials – Keep yourself and your students informed

St. Cloud State University - Literacy Education Online (LEO) – Plagiarism
<http://leo.stcloudstate.edu/research/plagiarism.html>

University of Southern Mississippi-Plagiarism Tutorial
<http://www.lib.usm.edu/legacy/plag/plagiarismtutorial.php>

Rutgers University Videos – How to avoid Plagiarism
<http://library.camden.rutgers.edu/EducationalModule/Plagiarism/>

University of Florida – The Fraud of Plagiarism
<http://www.cte.usf.edu/plagiarism/plag.html>

University of Texas Libraries – Plagiarism Tutorial
<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/services/instruction/learningmodules/plagiarism/>

Tools for Detection

Using Google – Basic, Scholar, Books

You may initially explore suspected plagiarism using Google. Keep in mind that there are multiple ways to search Google!

Google (Standard) – searches Web pages of all kinds, considered the broadest search

Google Scholar – searches scholarly literature, both journals and other documents

Google Books – searches available “book” and magazine information, this may include full text, reviews, abstracts, etc.

Searching Tips

- ❖ Always use the advanced search link
- ❖ Search using unique terms or phrases
- ❖ Always use quotes around phrases
- ❖ Note: the advanced search of both Scholar and Books allows you to limit results further

Google scholar **Advanced Scholar Search**

Find articles	with all of the words with the exact phrase with at least one of the words without the words where my words occur	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> anywhere in the article ▾
Author	Return articles written by	<input type="text"/> e.g., "PJ Hayes" or McCarthy
Publication	Return articles published in	<input type="text"/> e.g., J Biol Chem or Nature
Date	Return articles published between	<input type="text"/> – <input type="text"/> e.g., 1996
Subject Areas	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Return articles in all subject areas. <input type="radio"/> Return only articles in the following subject areas: <input type="checkbox"/> Biology, Life Sciences, and Environmental Science <input type="checkbox"/> Business, Administration, Finance, and Economics <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry and Materials Science <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering, Computer Science, and Mathematics <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine, Pharmacology, and Veterinary Science <input type="checkbox"/> Physics, Astronomy, and Planetary Science <input type="checkbox"/> Social Sciences, Arts, and Humanities	

Using Databases

The SCSU library has access to a wide variety of databases. From those that cover a diverse variety of topics to others that focus on specific subject areas. When trying to detect plagiarism you may want to start with a database that includes broad topics and then move on to others that are more specific to specific subject areas. The databases available from in library may be accessed by going to the Databases A-z list or by using the subject guides located on the library's homepage. The following are suggested databases and tips for searching.

Academic Search Premier – all topics, indexes 8000+ topics

LexisNexis Academic – covers news, business, legal, medical and reference

Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center - Provides overviews and multiple points of view on contemporary social issues

ProQuest Newspapers – indexes 300+ newspapers including the New York Times

Searching Tips

- ❖ Use the advanced search feature
- ❖ Use the keyword search, phrase if possible
- ❖ Search using unique terms or phrases
- ❖

Searching: **Academic Search Premier** | Choose Databases »

EBSCO
in TX All Text | Search Clear ?

and | in Select a Field (optional)

and | in Select a Field (optional) | Add Row

Basic Search | Advanced Search | Visual Search | Search History/Alerts | Preferences »

Search Options

Search modes ?

- Boolean/Phrase
- Find all my search terms
- Find any of my search terms
- SmartText Searching [Hint](#)

Apply related words

Also search within the full text of the articles

Limit your results

Full Text

Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals

Publication Type All | Periodical | Newspaper | Book

Number Of Pages All |

Image Quick View

References Available

Published Date from Month: | Year: | to Month: | Year: |

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Using Plagiarism Checkers

There are a number of “free” plagiarism checkers on the Web. While some have more of a following than others, keep in mind that you will most likely want to search several types of databases and “plagiarism checkers” in order to do a thorough search. The following Web sites offer various levels of checks...remember none of these are perfect.

Plagiarismdetect.com – Free account allows you to upload or place text in search window
<http://plagiarismdetect.com>

Doc Cop – Free registration, upload and check documents or pdfs
<http://doccop.com>

Plagiarism checker .com - Free checker uses Google to scan the Web
<http://plagiarismchecker.com>

Article Checker – Free Checker that searches the Web using either Google or Yahoo, or both
<http://articlechecker.com>

The Plagiarism Checker – Free cut & paste checker
<http://www.dustball.com/cs/plagiarism.checker/>

Commercial Software

Many of the Web sites mentioned above offer advanced or “pro” versions for a fee. As such they will detect plagiarism on a deeper level. There are also several commercial products available for purchase.

Turnitin - <http://www.turnitin.com/static/index.html>

iThenticate - <https://www.ithenticate.com/index.html>

Plagiarismscanner.com - <http://plagiarismscanner.com/>