

# Academic Misconduct

- Plagiarism
  - ‘incorporating within your work without appropriate acknowledgement material derived from the work (published or unpublished) of another’
- Definition above from:
  - University of York ‘Statement on Academic Misconduct’
    - ◆ See Handbook
- Depending on the severity of the offence:
  - reduce final mark
  - can fail degree completely
  - can be asked to leave
- Ignorance is no defence
- So if in doubt, consult your supervisor

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‘All sources, whether published books and articles or unpublished material of any kind including that found on the Internet, must be explicitly acknowledged, and quotations and close paraphrases clearly attributed’

CS Students’ Handbook 2006, p49

- May be very different from what you’re used to
  - need to paraphrase
  - need to ‘add value’: show how quoted text applies in a particular case
  - need to show understanding of text
- Exercise at back of this session
  - gives example of good and bad practice in citing references

# Collusion

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- ‘assisting another individual to gain advantage by unfair means, or receiving such assistance yourself’
  - ◆ see Handbook

- Significantly different from writing reports for work

- must be all your own work
- can't offer them to anyone (student or colleague) for comment

- Guidelines indicate what groups can work on:

- “Discussions with contemporaries are only allowed for understanding the nature of the assessment, *not its possible solution.*”