

East-West University Law on Response to Plagiarism, Its Detection and Avoidance

East-West University

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1. Article 1 General Statutes

East-West University (further in this document – University) plagiarism detection, its avoidance and a rule of response to response (further in this document – Rule) defines detection of plagiarism, its avoidance and disclosure and upon such case mechanisms and procedures akin to the case.

2. The legislative base for the aforementioned law is the Law of Georgia about Higher Education in Georgia, University statutes and Ethics Code and other law-abiding acts.

2. Article 2. The Goal of the Document

The primary goal of the aforementioned document is to solidify academic honesty and integrity in the University sphere, observance of intellectual property, prevention of plagiarism and implementing effective mechanism to evince it in the University space.

3. Article 3 Forms of Plagiarism

1. Forms of Plagiarism

- a) **Direct Plagiarism:** Appropriation of the result of someone's intellectual work (work, idea, formulae, graphic work and other) without citation of the source;
- b) **Self-Plagiarism:** Presenting the own old work as if new without citation of the source;
- c) **Mosaic Plagiarism:** Unification of excerpts from works of different authors and presenting them as a singular independent text, where distinction is difficult and to define which excerpt belongs to which author despite sources are cited at the end of the work;

- d) **Paraphrased Plagiarism:** Representing someone's work using synonyms where the essence and structure of the text remain same and source is not cited;
- e) **Plagiarism caused by negligence:** Incomplete and inaccurate citation of sources;
- f) **Software modification:** elaboration of the text using special software (e.g. 'text spinner' or translating software) in order to mislead plagiarism detection systems;
- g) **Computer code plagiarism:** Unlawful use of the software code or source modification without citation;
- h) **Source-based Plagiarism:** Incomplete or inaccurate citation of the information about sources that incapacitates their search;
- i) **Database Plagiarism:** Falsification of the data or their artificial creation that jeopardizes reputation of the researcher, institution or publishing house.

4. Article 4 Activities to be implemented to avoid plagiarism

1. In order to prevent plagiarism University is entitled to implement the following measures:

- a) University by means of electronic antiplagiarism software verifies works of students/academic personnel;
- b) Regularly plans and implements different types of information campaigns, trainings, workshops, seminars with the students, staff of the University and other interested individuals the goal of which is dangers of plagiarism, risks and challenges, elevation of awareness, detection of plagiarism, prevention and responsive mechanisms,

getting familiar with the above-mentioned and to supply the related information.

c) University shall provide the familiarization of the dishonest cases to students and staff individually.

5. Article 5 Plagiarism Detection and Response Mechanisms

6. Detection of Plagiarism and the Response system applies to students and academic personal equally.

7. In case of students, checking procedure of plagiarism embraces checking all academic works, antiplagiarism software used by the evaluator, such as:

- Written assignment of study course
- Abstract
- Project
- Baccalaureate Work
- Magistracy work
- Scientific Conference materials
- Materials for University Publication

8. If plagiarism is detected in the student's work (Written assignment of study course, Abstract, Project, Baccalaureate, Work Magistracy work, Scientific Conference materials, Materials for University Publication) a person responsible for the study course shall make a decision to annul the work. Also, it is noteworthy, that a lecturer should supply detailed feedback to the students about the detected violations.

9. Baccalaureate/magistracy work made by a student is checked by the Head of the Topic using antiplagiarism software and prepares official final conclusion in the written form.

10. Magistracy work made by a student prior to the checking by antiplagiarism software shall be sent to the reviewer to prepare the corresponding conclusion.

11. Upon the detection of academic dishonesty in the student's baccalaureate/magistracy work, the latter shall be student to the Student to remodify the work until the expiry of the term and if repeated verification shall be again negative, the decision to admit it to approval shall be negative as well.

12. In case of detection some signs of plagiarism shall be detected after awarding the qualification to the student, the disciplinary committee on the grounds of a motivated individual shall study the case. If the case gets confirmed, the corresponding qualification awarding body is entitled to make a decision to annul the qualification.

13. In case of academic personal, their works before publication shall be sent to reviewers and is checked by the antiplagiarism software.

14. In order to ensure anonymity of the reviewing process of the works of academic personal, the reviewers shall not know the identity of the author as well as the author shall remain unbeknownst of reviewers.

15. In case a violation is confirmed in the work of the academic personal, along the annulment of the results, considering the graveness of the violation, several disciplinary sanctions may enter into force: warning issuance, imposing monitoring on the further activity, dismissal from academic position.

16. Student/academic personal is at liberty to oppose the decision about annulment of the work and appeal the case according to the Ethics Code of the University.

Article 6 Final Statutes

1. The aforementioned Rule shall be approved by the Decree of the President of the University.
2. Annulment of the aforementioned Rule, changes to it are implemented by the Decree of the President of the University.

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