Plagiarism Facts for New ResU Students

Plagiarism: The act of using someone else’s words/ideas and claiming them as your own without acknowledging where they came from. In short, plagiarism is stealing. As a ResU student, you will compose a variety of assignments involving thorough research; you will need to give credit where credit is due using APA citation.

Resurrection University utilizes a tool called TurnItIn to help the university maintain academic integrity and honesty in ResU students. If you are unsure whether you should cite something or not, cite it! It is better to be safe than sorry because proof of plagiarism can have severe consequences.

Actions that Could be Seen as Plagiarism:

- Buying, copying, or stealing someone else’s paper or work
- Hiring someone else to write your assignment
- Paraphrasing a source without citing
- Copying directly from another source without citation (on purpose or by accident)

When to cite:

- Any information from books, journals, articles, media, websites, or other forms of information
- Information gained through an interview
- Copying exact wording, numerical values, or paraphrasing
- Using diagrams, pictures, charts or any sorts of illustrations

How to Avoid Plagiarism:

- Take notes while you work instead of copying and pasting from the reading
- Save research material, notes, and drafts in case your instructor asks you about a source
- Even if you are paraphrasing the author’s words, cite the sentence
- When in doubt, cite!
- Having a Reference page is a start, but you must include all in-text citations within your work, even when you are paraphrasing!

Who can help?

Elizabeth Bertch is ResU’s reading and writing specialist. She is located on the 7th floor in the ACE center. She can help draft, edit, and critique assignments for students at ResU—this includes helping with APA citation. She can meet in person, over the phone, or correspond via email. She has a 2 business day turn around, so plan accordingly.

Liesl Cottrell is ResU’s librarian who has experience in APA citation. She is located on the 1st floor in the library. If Elizabeth is backlogged, Liesl can help students with basic APA citation questions.