

Plagiarism Agreement for Physics Advanced Laboratory Assessment

UCD PLAGIARISM STATEMENT

The creation of knowledge and wider understanding in all academic disciplines depends on building from existing sources of knowledge. The University upholds the principle of academic integrity, whereby appropriate acknowledgement is given to the contributions of others in any work, through appropriate internal citations and references. Students should be aware that good referencing is integral to the study of any subject and part of good academic practice.

The University understands plagiarism to be the inclusion of another person's writings or ideas or works, in any formally presented work (including essays, theses, projects, laboratory reports, examinations, oral, poster or slide presentations) which form part of the assessment requirements for a module or programme of study, without due acknowledgement either wholly or in part of the original source of the material through appropriate citation. Plagiarism is a form of academic dishonesty, where ideas are presented falsely, either implicitly or explicitly, as being the original thought of the author's. The presentation of work, which contains the ideas, or work of others without appropriate attribution and citation, (other than information that can be generally accepted to be common knowledge¹) is an act of plagiarism. It can include the following:

1. Presenting work authored by a third party, including other students, friends, family, or work purchased through internet services;
2. Presenting work copied extensively with only minor textual changes from the internet, books, journals or any other source;
3. Improper paraphrasing, where a passage or idea is summarised without due acknowledgement of the original source;
4. Failing to include citation of all original sources;
5. Representing collaborative work as one's own

Plagiarism is a serious academic offence. While plagiarism may be easy to commit unintentionally, it is defined by the act not the intention. All students are responsible for being familiar with the University's policy statement on plagiarism and are encouraged, if in doubt, to seek guidance from an academic member of staff. The University advocates a developmental approach to plagiarism and encourages students to adopt good academic practice by maintaining academic integrity in the presentation of all academic work.

¹ Common knowledge refers to information, which is generally known and does not require to be formally cited in a written piece of work. Each subject area will have its own set of common knowledge.

I have read and understood the above statement and undertake not to commit acts of plagiarism in work submitted for assessment for my advanced laboratory module.

Signed _____

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Date _____