Plagiarism: Avoid the Pitfalls

The Armstrong Atlantic State University’s Honor Code defines the offense plagiarism as follows:

“Plagiarism is the intentional offering of the words, ideas, or computer data programs and/or graphics of others for one’s own in any academic exercise. Examples of plagiarism include (but are not limited to):
1. The offering of another’s work, whether verbatim or paraphased, as original material in an academic paper
2. The offering of another’s original ideas or concerts as one’s own, in an academic paper or assessed exercise
3. The inclusion of another’s material in one’s own work without appropriate or accurate citation or credit.”

-- Armstrong Atlantic State University Honor Code, accessed at http://www.sa.armstrong.edu/Activities/hccoc.html

What does this mean to you? Simply, when in doubt, cite it out.

However, you can help ensure that you’re not in a position to plagiarize by beginning your research early and reading it carefully. This will allow the necessary time to achieve the genesis, and result, of thought process that your work should represent.

Please visit the Plagiarism Tutorial as well as Citation Style Guides for additional guidance and information. Both are available at the Lane Library’s main web page, from the Subject Guides.

Good luck with your research!
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