

PLAGIARISM PENALTY SCALE for ENGLISH 102 (Ortiz)

Any instance of intentional plagiarism	=	Failure of the assignment, failure of the class, and referral to the Dean of Students for further review.
Unintentional plagiarism on the Week One First Writing Exercise	=	Reminder: What is accidental plagiarism, how to avoid it.
Unintentional plagiarism on quizzes or exercises	=	First time: a reminder. Second time: a warning.
Unintentional plagiarism on a major paper assignment (including a draft)	=	First time: a reminder. Second time: a warning.
FIRST WARNING	=	Quizzes/exercises lose points (at teacher's discretion) for all warnings. Major paper assignment loses 50% of SOURCE USE points for the first warning.
SECOND WARNING	=	Paper assignment loses 100% of SOURCE USE points for the second warning.
THIRD WARNING, etc.	=	Paper assignment loses 100% of SOURCE USE points. OR Paper assignment receives a flat zero, at the teacher's discretion, especially if the paper has multiple instances of unintentional plagiarism and/or generally sloppy source use plus multiple mistakes, poor proofreading, etc.
Unintentional plagiarism on the Final Paper	=	Point penalty at teacher's discretion per severity of error.

ADVICE: The first, best, and only safeguard against unintentional plagiarism is YOU. Proofread your own work multiple times to check your use of sources, and use TurnItIn.com through Blackboard as an extra resource. Ultimately, it's your responsibility to proofread your own work thoroughly enough to catch serious and repeated errors that can lead to penalties. Consider also that the Writing Center can help you become a better proofreader if you seek their help specifically for better proofing skills on a regular basis.