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PLAGIARISM

- “Academic dishonesty”
- Not a legal matter; handled by the University
- Failing to give credit to others for their ideas, i.e., passing others’ work and/or ideas off as your own
- Keywords = **CITATION, IDEAS**

COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

- Legal matter – Governed by “fair use” provisions of the US federal copyright law (<http://www.copyright.gov/>)
- Only the **expression** of ideas is protected; ideas themselves are not copyrightable
- Fail to obtain permission when using material beyond “fair use”
- Keywords = **PERMISSION, EXPRESSION OF IDEAS**

| PLAGIARIZED? | INFRINGED? | |
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| | Yes | No |
| Yes | <p> Used more than allowed under “fair use” without obtaining permissions</p> <p> Missing some or all citations</p> <p>Possible Effects:  <i>Civil lawsuit</i>  <i>University sanctions, up to and including revoking degree</i></p> | <p> Within “fair use” guidelines or obtained permission</p> <p> Missing some or all citations</p> <p>Possible Effects:  <i>University sanctions, up to and including revoking degree</i></p> |
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