Penalties

Transparent procedures will be followed where plagiarism is confirmed by the faculty member and verified by colleagues. Penalties are intended to protect the integrity of the work of students and faculty , and the good name of the University. Faculty members reserve the right to award a grade of "F" for confirmed plagiarism, in addition to referring the matter to the Office of Judicial Affairs for disciplinary action.

In addition, the growing use of artificial intelligence (AI) in academic settings is acknowledged and SAS strives to ensure that students submit work that they have produced themselves. As such, the submission of work generated or significantly assisted by AI tools will also be considered a form of plagiarism.

In the event that a student has plagiarized, the following actions will be taken:

First offense: The student will receive a grade of zero on the assignment, and will be required to meet with the instructor to discuss the incident and review proper citation methods. The instructor reserves the right to refer such instances immediately to the Office of the Dean of Students.

Second offense: The student will be reported to the Office of the Dean of Students, who will then decide whether the case will be taken on by the Office of Judicial Affairs, which is responsible for determining the outcome of such cases, including possible suspension or expulsion.

It is the responsibility of each student to ensure that their work is their own and that proper citation practices are followed. SAS will continue to uphold these values of academic integrity and expects all students to do the same.

Plagiarism is a serious offense and will not be tolerated by St. George's University.