Information to teaching staff

The University of Trento is active in preventing the plagiarism of texts that are protected by law on copyright no. 633 of 22 April 1941.

The Code of ethics of the University of Trento expressly provides that “All research activity is based on the correct recognition and attribution of intellectual achievements. University members must therefore avoid every form of plagiarism or the improper use of the intellectual activity of others. […] With particular regard to the writing up of theses and texts, including the undertaking of examinations, it is the specific responsibility of individuals to uphold these rules, avoiding all forms of plagiarism and dishonest conduct. It is furthermore the duty of all university staff to flag every case of plagiarism or the improper use of the intellectual activity of others of which they may become aware”.

In addition to other specific forms of conduct, the Code of conduct for students of the University of Trento prohibits plagiarism of the works of others, defining it as “the improper reproduction of the intellectual activity of others in the elaboration of a written text of any kind, where such intellectual activity is not cited in the sources of the written text, or the unacknowledged appropriation of ideas, concepts, presentation, data or any other information reproduced in written work (including digital versions), or the oral expressions of others, without having expressly and correctly indicated the sources or having obtained the express consent of the author or inventor”.

Essays, dissertations and theses written by students are checked for plagiarism using Compilation.net, a plagiarism detection service. Students must be informed that their work will be submitted to plagiarism detection software and about the processing of personal data (Regulation (EU) 2016/679). Students must also receive information on what constitutes plagiarism and on its consequences.

The University has therefore prepared an information notice that is available to students on Esse3. Students are required to read the information notice and to declare that they have read and understood the University’s anti-plagiarism and data protection policy:

- at the time of enrolment; and
- when applying for the award of the degree.

The information notice can be found here: https://www.unitn.it/norme-regolamenti/188/manuali-e-procedure (in the “Prevenzione plagio” folder), in Italian and in English.

By accepting the information notice, students agree that essays, dissertations and theses must be an original piece of work. They declare that they have been informed that their work will be submitted to plagiarism detection software and that they are aware of the consequences and sanctions that plagiarism entails. They also agree to indemnify the University of Trento from any and all claims, demands, and liabilities arising from copyright infringement concerning the submitted works.

Further information may be obtained from

Ufficio Didattica Online (call 3316 or email uff.didatticaonline@unitn.it)