

## Plagiarism Resources February 2002

**FACULTY INFORMATION & LINKS:** These sites are addressed to faculty and offer some combination of the following: a.) ideas on how to educate students about plagiarism, b.) suggestions for designing writing assignments, c.) articles about plagiarism, d.) links to popular “paper mills.”

*Plagiarism and the Web* <http://www.wiu.edu/users/mfbhl/wiu/plagiarism.htm>

Bruce H. Leland of the English Department of Western Illinois University offers suggestions for writing assignments and links to useful resources, including a handout for students linked from Purdue University.

*Plagiarism and Anti-Plagiarism* <http://newark.rutgers.edu/~ehrllich/plagiarism598.html>

Heyward Ehrlich of the English Department of Rutgers University suggests some questions to help clarify your own, your department's, and the college's policy on plagiarism, with articles and links to relevant web pages.

*Paper Mills* <http://www.library.ualberta.ca/guides/plagiarism/paper.mills.html>

The University of Alberta Libraries, as part of a discussion of plagiarism, offers links to what it regards as thirteen of the popular web sites where students go to obtain papers.

*Internet Paper Mills* <http://www.coastal.edu/library/mills2.htm>

Kimbel Library of Coastal Carolina University presents a rather overwhelming list of more than 150 term paper web sites and also includes a very helpful link to “paper mill” sites identified by subject.

**PLAGIARISM IDENTIFICATION TOOLS:** Most of these sites allow faculty to submit term papers, which are then examined for matches to papers cached in the service's own database or found on other web pages. Only one is free, but most offer a trial of some kind. [Note: To the best of my knowledge, none of these has yet been tried by Westminster faculty.]

*PlagiServe* <http://www.plagiserve.com>

Here is the free one. It is run by three people from the Ukraine who identify themselves in terms of their desire to deal with plagiarism. Interestingly, one of the sample papers on this site is also used as a sample on Plagiarism.org.

*EVE2* <http://www.canexus.com/eve/index.shtml>

This site does not disclose its provenance other than to refer to its parent company, CaNexus.com. It licenses only individual users at the cost of \$19.99 and will search the web for matches. It allows you to download its software for a 15-day free trial.

**EduTie** <http://www.edutie.com>

Another web search service, it seems to be linked to PlagiServe (it says it uses “PlagiServe technology”). Apparently the cost is always a custom quote, since a fee schedule is not given. It does provide a free trial consisting of 10 reports.

**Plagiarism.org** <http://www.plagiarism.org>

This is basically a plagiarism information site directly linked with Turnitin.com. It provides some useful information about how Turnitin.com works and includes several articles from the popular press about plagiarism.

**Turnitin.com** <http://turnitin.com>

This service originated at UC Berkeley. It compares submitted term papers to its own database of collected papers as well as to general web pages. It is the most expensive of the sites that displays its fee schedule, charging \$100 per faculty member or \$750 per department (institutional licenses are a custom quote). It provides a free trial for one month and 5 reports.

**Glatt Plagiarism Services** <http://www.plagiarism.com/INDEX.HTM>

Unlike the other tools listed above which search the web for term paper matches, this system involves an interactive paper analysis requiring students to fill in words from their own paper and then analyzing the result by statistical and other factors. Glatt also offers a plagiarism teaching module. Both products are on CD-ROM. No free trial, but the site does allow for online submission of one paper, described as a self test.

**STUDENT INFORMATION:** These sites are aimed at informing students about plagiarism and generally provide examples and advice on how to avoid plagiarism by using sources properly and accurately.

**Avoiding Plagiarism** <http://www.writing.northwestern.edu/tips/plag.html>

Part of The Writing Place web site at Northwestern University, this page talks about what plagiarism is, suggests ways to avoid “accidental plagiarism,” and gives examples of paraphrases and “misplaced citation.”

**Plagiarism** <http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/wts/plagiarism.html>

From Writing Tutorial Services of Indiana University, this site gives examples, “strategies for avoiding plagiarism,” and a glossary of terms.

**Avoiding Plagiarism** <http://sja.ucdavis.edu/avoid.htm>

From Student Judicial Affairs, UC Davis, this site discusses plagiarism and proper methods for citing sources.