

Correct Citations and Plagiarism Check

This page serves as a guideline for correct citation in semestral papers and final theses. The texts are in line with instructions for working with literary resources and other information sources. The included texts contain links to the website of the [Centre for Information and Librarian Services of VŠE](#) (hereafter as CIKS) as the website describes individual citation forms in detail.

In general, Brandejsová et al. (2009, p. 1) considers plagiarism to be “*taking over someone else’s work as one’s own, not referring to the sources from which one’s work draws data, publishing someone else’s research and development results without proper reference*”. Taking over a part of someone else’s work also represents plagiarism. Brandejsová et al. (2009 p. 1) further define auto-plagiarism as “*copying one’s own work, and / or previous theses without proper reference*”.

Following the above-mentioned, plagiarism with regard to students comprises taking over the whole or a part of someone else’s text and submitting it in a semestral or final thesis as the student’s own text, without proper reference to its original source.

Any (auto-)plagiarism violates the Study and Examination Rules of the University of Economics, Prague ([Art. 5, par. 5, letter b](#)) and the [Code of Ethics](#). Violating the internal regulations of the University of Economics, Prague leads to initiating a disciplinary hearing pursuant to the [Disciplinary Code for Students of the Faculty of Informatics and Statistics](#).

How to prevent (auto-)plagiarism

- Prevention arises from writing one’s own text with correct marking of direct or indirect citations.
- It is convenient to have one’s own thesis checked by means of the VŠE Validator application before submitting the semestral or final thesis. The application automatically checks all final and semestral theses submitted via InSIS. Czech final theses undergo a similarity test in Theses.cz and semestral theses in Odevzdej.cz, as well as comparison with texts available online. English texts are checked by means of iThenticate.

Tip: If you plan to have your thesis checked on your own by means of the application, inform your supervisor so that the teacher can verify any high level of similarity found by the system.

Reference Methods

Semestral papers and final theses shall follow the unified reference style throughout the work. Final theses may use the so-called [Harvard system and numeral system](#). Semestral papers may further use the method of continuous notes. The reference method links the text to bibliography citations via references.

Citation Examples

The CIKS website includes [citation examples](#) with regard to the source used in semestral papers and final theses.

Final Advice

If you're writing a semestral paper in a team, set clear cooperation rules at the very beginning. If you find indications of an incorrect conduct of another team member, inform the course teacher by email immediately. That way, you'll prevent any problems when submitting the paper (late submission, incorrect citation etc.).

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