
Advice on good scientific practice

The important principle in the study programme of English studies (German: “Anglistik und Amerikanistik”) at TU Dortmund University is that all academic work must be carried out independently without any inadmissible tools/aids. This is in everybody’s interest as dishonest actions will negatively affect the whole study programme, including its students and their academic qualifications. Only the assessment of your own academic performance enables us to realistically evaluate and promote your study progress.

This is especially the case when it comes to **plagiarism** – that is, the whole or partial incorporation of material and ideas from others (printed or online) without formal and proper acknowledgement. **Thus, incorporating any text(s)/textual passage(s)/work(s)/idea(s) from others without properly acknowledging its/their sources will constitute a case of plagiarism.** This is also the case when it comes to translating text(s)/textual passage(s)/work(s)/idea(s) of other sources from (an)other language(s). Any information or ideas which are not yours must be acknowledged as such. Consequently, this principle also applies to cases of “copying from other students”, unauthorized **group work** or work beyond group boundaries, and to the unauthorized acquisition of information during examinations (→ cheating in exams).

Students who violate these axiomatic academic principles must expect the following penalties:

1. The work in question will be marked as a fail (German “ungenügend” (6,0)) and the student will be excluded from the respective course/lecture/seminar.
2. The act of deception will be reported to the board of examiners (German: “Prüfungsausschuss”).

I have read the advice on good scientific practice and I am fully aware of the possible consequences following acts of deception of any kind.

Place Date

Signature