

SUBMIT YOUR THESIS

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Office of Graduate
Education

(518) 276-6488
gradschool@rpi.edu
gradoffice.rpi.edu

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic Integrity Checks

When you submit your thesis or dissertation to OGE for official review, we will conduct academic integrity checks randomly throughout the body of your thesis or dissertation. This is to check that you have not taken verbatim text from any other sources without the proper citation.

Plagiarism: *Taking someone else's work, idea, or text without properly giving credit.*

Self-plagiarism: *Using your own previously published work verbatim without indicating via chapter attributions that you are doing so.*

If you are referencing someone else's work, you need to cite it appropriately in the body of your thesis. In-text citations need to be included if you refer to someone else's work. If you are using exact phrases, words, or passages from another source, they need to be quoted, or appropriately cited according to your citation style guide. For example, if you are describing an experiment that someone else conducted, you cannot use the exact wording to describe the experiment that the person or persons conducting it used, without citing it appropriately. That would be considered plagiarism.

If you self-plagiarize, you will be given a chance to correct this in your next upload to Proquest/ETD. Information regarding how to properly attribution your own work can be found in the [OGE Manual](#).

The [Did I Plagiarize?](#)¹ graphic can be a useful visual reference for determining whether your work contains any form of plagiarism.

If the Office of Graduate Education believes you may have plagiarized, the procedures outlined in the [Graduate Student Supplement to the Handbook of Rights and Responsibilities](#) will be followed.

If you have any questions regarding plagiarism or self-plagiarism, please do not hesitate to contact your advisor, graduate program director, or point of contact in the Office of Graduate Education. Plagiarism is a very serious offense, and it is important that you treat it as such.

For further clarification, please refer to the [Preparation Manual for Dissertations and Theses](#), contact your advisor, or contact a student services administrator from the Office of Graduate Education.

¹ The Visual Communication Guy, 2014. <http://thevisualcommunicationguy.com/2014/09/16/did-i-plagiarize-the-types-andseverity-of-plagiarism-violations/> (Date Last Accessed: Mar 3 2016)