

Ethical & Fair Use of Information

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Objective

- The outcome of this session is to equip users with an understanding of the economic, legal and social use of information access; ethically and legally. This includes skills on the use of APA referencing and citation.

Demands of Information Work

- Information, to be useful, requires reliability: scientific accuracy, validity and authenticity /verifiability
- Created information is intellectual property.
- Those who engage in it, rely on it, process it and use it in further disseminating it must observe the highest ethical behavior in protecting its reliability

Fair use

- Both a moral/ethical and legal issue; usually a defense against infringement “a doctrine in copyright law that allows limited use of copyrighted material without requiring permission from the rights holders, such as use for scholarship or review.
- It provides for the legal, non-licensed citation or incorporation of copyrighted material in another author's work under a four-factor balancing test.”

Four factors:

- Purpose and character of use – derivative or transformative?
- Nature of the copyrighted work
- Amount and substantiality of the portion used in relation to the copyrighted work as a whole
- Effect of the use upon the potential market for or value of the copyrighted work

Plagiarism

“Plagiarism is an **illegal** form of copying. It means taking another person's work and calling it your own.

Plagiarism can be **accidental** (e.g. failure to cite, quote or paraphrase)

or **intentional** (e.g. paying or asking someone to write an essay for you, submitting someone else's work as your own)

Common knowledge – information that is widely accessible and can be found in a dictionary or encyclopedia (don't reference)

Importance of Referencing

- Establishes Credibility
- Provides Style Guidelines
- Protects Against Plagiarism

APA Examples

Journal article without DOI, title translated into English, print version:

Guimard, P., & Florin, A. (2007). Les evaluations des enseignants en grande section de maternelle sont elles predictives des difficultes de lecture au cours preparatoire?[Are teacher rating in Kindergarten predictive of reading difficulties in first grade?]. *Approche Neuropsychologique des Apprentissages chez l'Enfant*, 19, 5-17.

APA Examples

Magazine article

Chamberlin, J., Novotney, A., Packard, E., & Price, M. (2008, May). Enhancing worker well-being: Occupational health psychologists' convention. *Monitor on Psychology*, 39(6) Retrieved from <http://www.apa.org/monitor/>

APA Examples

Entire book, print version

Shotton, M. A. (1989). Computer addiction? A study of computer dependency. London, England: Taylor & Francis.

APA Examples

Electronic version of print book

Shotton, M. A. (1989). Computer addiction? A study of computer dependency.[DX Reader version]. Retrieved from <http://www.ebookstore.tandf.co.uk/html/index.asp>

Schiradi, G. R. (2001). The post-traumatic stress disorder sourcebook: A guide to healing, recovery, and growth [Adobe digital Editions version] doi:10.1036/0071393722

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