

Plagiarism

One of the primary learning objectives of the Seminary is to help students acquire the gift of discernment in the form of the ability to think critically. Essential to this task is the requirement that students learn how to investigate the thoughts of others, to organize these thoughts in a fresh way, and, in combination with one's own thoughts and experiences, to communicate one's findings effectively.

It is with this conviction that the Seminary does not permit the presentation of someone else's thoughts as one's own. Books, articles and other materials used in the presentation of assignments must be credited properly in the foot- notes/endnotes and the bibliography. It is the faculty's view that failure to do so is not only personally dishonest, but a violation of the integrity of the ministry.

Any student turning in written work that is not her or his own, including copying from a published source, copying from the internet, or copying from another student, will be charged with plagiarism. Any student charged with Plagiarism by an instructor will receive a sanction proportionate to the level of scope of the plagiarism and and/or its repeated occurrence. Plagiarism may result in automatic course failure, and in the case of repeated action, may result in possible dismissal from the Seminary. A student who disputes either the charge of plagiarism and/or the sanction imposed by the professor may request a review by the Faculty Committee. The Committee will review the charge and sanction and communicate its findings within 14 days of receiving the appeal. The decision of the Faculty Committee is final.