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Come to You?*

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Librarians Helping Faculty Address  
Plagiarism



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# *Is plagiarism really a problem?*

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- ★ A study mentioned in the Feb. 1, 2002, *Chronicle of Higher Education* says students plagiarize less than many people think
- ★ At George Washington University, Julie Ryan found, in 1998, that one out of every six students in her classes plagiarized their entire papers.



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- ★ A 1999 study by the Center for Academic Integrity found that 69% of instructors find one or more instances of plagiarism each year.



*A recent study reported in the Chronicle of Higher Education in July 2002 found:*

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★ 80% of student use Internet search engines for every or most assignments



★ 50% of the students said that information on the web is not sufficient for their assignments





## *Is plagiarism really a problem?*

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The internet seems to make plagiarism more of a problem than it was in the past.





# *Why do students plagiarize?*

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★ To save time.

★ Strong pressure to get good grades.



★ General approval of ‘minor’ dishonesties by our modern society.

★ Leniency of professors



★ Poor time management skills



# *Why do students plagiarize?*

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★ Many students claim to be unaware that not citing works from the internet is plagiarism.



★ Many students claim to be unaware that “cutting and pasting” from the internet without proper citation is plagiarism.



★ Many students believe the internet is public domain and that web pages do not have to be cited.



## *Why do students plagiarize?*

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Students don't understand  
plagiarism and citation  
'rules.'