

“Plagiarism and You” report

Twenty students in the Spring Term 2019 in UAEU were given a survey called “Plagiarism and You” which consisted of 4 questions.

Of the 20 respondents, nearly half of them had heard of plagiarism. Almost equal numbers were either not sure or had never heard of it (30% and 25% respectively).

Only one of the respondents thinks that plagiarism is cheating in an exam. One fifth of the total thinks that copying another student’s work is plagiarism. Seven out of 20 students think that copying from the internet means plagiarism and the remaining eight students understand that it is copying from any kind of media without naming the source.

Half of the respondents (10 students) think that if they copy some text but change some words, then this is acceptable. Just under half of all respondents (9) admit that they do not like writing. Forty percent of respondents are not confident about their writing skills and think it is better to have a well-written text by someone else rather than their own words. Thirty five percent of students thought that people might not understand if they wrote in their own words. The same number of students (6) said that they might learn how to write well if they copied. They also admitted that they do not know how to summarize. The least number of students (20%) said that copying saves time when they have a deadline and copying another person’s words is fine when the information is correct.