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**Guidelines for students about correct use of citation**

Unfortunately, we occasionally experience students getting caught in plagiarism because of incorrect citation. Plagiarism (incl. self-plagiarism) is a serious matter, which can lead to expulsion from the university for a semester or more; see plagiarism.aau.dk. This short guideline describes the typical errors and how to avoid them. See also stopplagiat.nu/en/ for information about correct citation.

**Error type 1:** Instead of e.g. *Bohr (1913) states that "the number of electrons in an atom is deduced to be approximately equal to half the atomic weight*" you write *the number of electrons in an atom is deduced to be approximately equal to half the atomic weight (Bohr, 1913)*, where the text is copied (more or less) word-for-word from the reference without making quotation marks.

**Error type 2:** Copying (more or less) word-for-word from a source without stating the source; which means that you amplify error type 1 by only writing e.g. *the number of electrons in an atom is deduced to be approximately equal to half the atomic weight*, without stating *(Bohr, 1913).*

For both types of errors, the reader is left with the clear impression that the formulation is one's own, which is a serious violation of the rules of plagiarism.

It should be emphasized that copying one's own material (e.g. from an earlier project report) without correct citation (self-plagiarism) is considered just as seriously as plagiarizing the work of others.

If you wish to repeat a formulation from a source, it must be clearly stated that the formulation is not one's own; e.g. by putting quotation marks around the copied text and clearly state the source, from where the text is derived.

It is also considered plagiarism if a formulation is made by replacing or swapping single words in a formulation from a source or if you translate the formulation from one language to another.

In other words, all formulations in one's written work that do not consist of clearly stated citations from clearly marked sources must entirely be one's own, unique formulations.

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**Vejledning til studerende vedrørende korrekt citation**

Vi oplever desværre med jævne mellemrum, at studerende bliver fanget i plagiering på grund af fejlagtig citering. Plagiering (herunder selvplagiering) er en særdeles alvorlig sag, som kan føre til bortvisning fra universitetet i et semester eller mere; se plagiat.aau.dk. Denne korte vejledning beskriver de typiske fejl og hvordan disse kan undgås. Se også stopplagiat.nu for information om korrekt citering.

**Fejltype 1**: I stedet for fx *Bohr (1913) states that "the number of electrons in an atom is deduced to be approximately equal to half the atomic weight*" skriver man *the number of electrons in an atom is deduced to be approximately equal to half the atomic weight (Bohr, 1913)*, hvor teksten er kopieret (mere eller mindre) ordret fra referencen, men uden at angive citationstegn.

**Fejltype 2**: Kopiering (mere eller mindre) ordret fra en kilde, uden at angive denne; dvs., at man "udvider" fejltype 1 ved i sit skriftlige arbejde alene at skrive fx *the number of electrons in an atom is deduced to be approximately equal to half the atomic weight*, uden at angive *(Bohr, 1913)*.

Ved begge fejltyper efterlader man læseren med det klare indtryk, at formuleringen er ens egen, hvilket er en alvorlig overtrædelse af reglerne om plagiering.

Det skal understreges at kopiering af eget tidligere arbejde (fx fra en tidligere projektrapport) uden korrekt citering (selvplagiering) betragtes med lige så stor alvor, som hvis der er tale om plagiering af andres arbejde.

Hvis man ønsker at gengive en formulering fra en kilde, skal det tydeligt angives, at formuleringen er taget fra den pågældende kilde; fx ved at anføre citationstegn omkring den kopierede tekst og tydeligt angive den kilde, som teksten stammer fra.

En formulering, som er opstået ved at udskifte eller bytte om på enkelte ord i en formulering fra en kilde eller oversætte formuleringen fra et sprog til et andet, betragtes også som plagiering.

Med andre ord skal alle formuleringer i ens skriftlige arbejde, som ikke består af tydeligt angivne citater fra tydeligt markerede kilder, være ens helt egne, unikke formuleringer.

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