



Decision on the use of an electronic plagiarism detection system at the University of Eastern Finland

An electronic plagiarism detection system is used at the University of Eastern Finland. The University of Eastern Finland complies with the ethical principles referred to in section 2 of the Universities Act (558/2009), as well as good scientific practices. The verification of the originality of assignments and research results to be published is part of quality assurance in education and research.

The plagiarism detection system is used to determine the originality of theses and other assignments. The plagiarism detection system can also be used to determine the originality of research results. Students can check their own work in the system independently.

Students must be treated equally when the plagiarism detection system is used. When teaching a group, the electronic plagiarism detection system is, as a rule, used to verify the originality of the works of everyone in the group. However, the system can be used for originality verification whenever there is a well-founded reason to suspect the originality of the work. Furthermore, a previously approved academic thesis or other assignment can be verified in the system, if there is a well-founded reason to suspect the originality of the work.

Verifying the originality of the thesis is part of the thesis evaluation process. The supervisor interprets the report that is produced by the system. Based on their expertise, the supervisor will decide whether the thesis complies with good scientific practice. The decision must be made within two (2) weeks of the submission of the thesis. If the observed deficiencies are minor, the supervisor will provide feedback on how to correct and finalise the thesis. If the observed



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deficiencies are serious, the supervisor will inform the Dean of the faculty of their findings. The faculty will investigate the matter for disciplinary action. The above will also apply to other assignments where applicable.

Each student can decide independently whether their work will be saved as reference material in the plagiarism detection system.

This decision replaces the Rector's decision of 18 December 2014 and the Academic Rector's decision UEF record entry no. 1626/12.02.01/2014 (22.12.2015).

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(The decision has been signed and dated digitally.)

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