

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism Regulations

The committee on IPR, Legal and Ethical matters of Research Advisory Council will form an **Institutional Academic Integrity Panel (IAIP)** and will monitor the Academic Integrity and Plagiarism regulations.

Plagiarism

The candidate must certify that the work has been done by him and has not been submitted elsewhere for the award of any degree or qualification. Proper acknowledgement must be made to the work of others.

Plagiarism includes:

- Unauthorized act of copying/reproducing or attempt to copy an idea, writing or invention of another person.
- Extraction of academic data which are the results of research undertaken by another person, such as laboratory findings, data obtained, whether published or unpublished, without giving due acknowledgement to the original source.
- Transcription of the ideas of others which are kept in whatever form (written/printed/electronic/slide form) of teaching or research apparatus.
- Unauthorized translation of the writing of another person from one language to another whether wholly or partly.

Responsibilities of Scholars/Academicians:

- always give due acknowledgement to the sources of ideas or data which are not owned by the candidate and are not truly in the public domain;
- be able to distinguish between the candidate's own ideas or work and those of others, as any ambiguity in such a distinction could give rise to a suspicion of plagiarism;
- acknowledge the source of data, analysis or procedures which are not owned by the candidate.
- The candidate has to declare that in the event of any infringement of the provisions of the Copyright Act 1957 whether knowingly or unknowingly, the College shall not be liable for the same in any manner whatsoever and undertakes to indemnify and keep indemnified the College against all such claims and actions.

Software for Detection of Plagiarism

The scholars are required to run the thesis through the plagiarism checking approved by the college. The similarity index for each chapter shall not exceed 10%. Ph.D

Candidate shall adopt the regulations on Similarity Checks for Plagiarism, Quantification of Plagiarism, Handling of Plagiarism and Penalties of Plagiarism as stipulated in the **Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism Regulations of Bharathiar University** framed based on the UGC (Promotions of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations 2018. Urkund is used to check the plagiarism of the thesis and Dissertation from Bharathiar University.

Similarity Checks

The Similarity checks for plagiarism shall exclude the following:

- All Quoted works reproduced with prior permission and / or attribution from the concerned authorities.
- All References, Bibliographies, Intext references/Citation, Table of Contents, Preface and Acknowledgements.
- Common words, Generic Terms, Laws, Standard Symbols and Standard Equations.

Acceptable and Non-Acceptable levels of Plagiarism

The Guidelines and regulations are in line with **UGC and Bharathiar University**.

- Minor Similarities- Similarity up to 10%
- Similarity above 10%-40% - Such students shall be asked to submit a revised script within a stipulated time period not exceeding 6 months.
- Similarities above 40%-60%-Such student shall be debarred from submitting a revised script for a period of one year.
- Similarities above 60%-Such student registration for that programme shall be cancelled.

The Regulations as prescribed the **UGC** on detection/Reporting/Handling of Plagiarism to be followed by the Institution:

- If any member of the academic community suspects with appropriate proof that a case of plagiarism has happened in any document, he/she shall report the same to **Institutional Academic Integrity Panel (IAIP)**. Upon receipt of such a complaint or allegations the IAIP shall investigate the matter and submit the recommendation to RAC.
- Any allegations shall be in line with the principles of natural justice

against the student/faculty/researcher and staff.

- The IAIP has the power to assess the level of plagiarism and recommend the penalty (i.e.) accordingly.