

Plagiarism in Final Take-Home Exam

Plagiarism is a very serious offence by which a **student's life is immensely affected**. I was in my last semester when this **critical matter** occurred. I didn't take appropriate and careful measures when sending in my final take home exam (essay). I made a blunder by not checking my essay for any plagiarism or sufficient citations (references). I submitted the rough draft essay which I had kept on my USB drive, thinking that was the final essay. It didn't matter. The professor spotted (traced) it and sent me an email about it. At that time when I heard about severe measures such as suspensions or an expulsion, I was devastated and **thought my career would be at an end**. At that time I realized that being careless, not attentive, and plagiarizing my own work will cost me so much. I received a fair penalty on my record but I couldn't apply for jobs because it **appeared on my transcripts** and I couldn't face employees and my friends because of this mistake. It is one of the shameful events of my life as it **halted my career for a bit**. I strongly urge students from first year to fourth year, from all races or backgrounds, please think twice before committing serious offence and misconduct.

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