

Multiple Lab Report Plagiarism

I am a second year student in the Chemistry program. I **plagiarised in five lab reports** for a second year chemistry course during the Fall 2008 semester. During that semester the University of Windsor had gone on strike for about three weeks. When students went back to classes the course material and work was cramped into little time to be done. This changed times of midterms and due dates for assignments and projects. My schedule was really bad where I barely had time to sit and spend time on lab reports. Before the semester started, **some friend of mine gave me electronic copies for some old lab reports** of his friend to help me out with the structure for writing out the lab reports. **My friend warned me about copying the reports**, telling me that I would easily get caught doing it, but **I did not take his advice**.

I was put in a situation where I had no time to do some of the assigned work. I had two options: the first option was to get a bad mark or a zero if I did not hand in the lab report. The second option, which seemed to be the faster and quickest option, was to plagiarise the lab reports given to me and hand them in as my own work. I chose the second option **not thinking of the consequences** that might occur if I got caught plagiarising.

I never expected to be caught since the T.A. did not notice me plagiarising in the first two labs. **I really regret doing this**. At the end of the semester I ended up with a **grade of F in the course** and received a **four-month suspension**. I have learned a big lesson from this experience, which is not to copy others' work and hand it in as my own work, because it is not fair for the person who spent time on it. I should think before I act from now on. My action was **unethical and I truly apologize** for getting anyone involved in a mistake I made. I hope they accept my apology. I am truly sorry and shall never think about committing this action ever again.

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