

Plagiarizing Entire Paper From Another Student

I am currently enrolled at the University of Windsor as a third year Criminology student. For the fall semester of 2007 I had undergone a tremendous amount of stress from school, job, and personal issues. I found myself **overwhelmed with papers and midterms** to write. I needed to finish these assignments promptly. This is when I found myself with another paper and **plagiarising seemed to be the only way out**. I attempted to reword someone's paper from a previous year and submit it as my own work.

I realize my choice of plagiarising was not the best one I have made in my life, and I understand completely that what I did was **not only wrong but unethical**. I am writing this story to say I am sorry and I take full responsibility for my conduct in the course. It is said that everything happens for a reason, and through this occurrence I have realized how much the University of Windsor means to me and how much I have learned in these past three years. The University of Windsor is my life, and my future. I have learned **time management** is not my best skill, and I am more than willing to improve this. Additionally I have learned that I have worked hard to get where I am. I am **disappointed in myself** since I should have known better.

I have learned that a hard worker does not take any short cuts, and this is unlike me. I am ashamed of my actions and disappointed in myself, and I feel disappointed among those who are close to me. Not only have I let down those close to me, but **I have let down myself**. I take responsibility for my actions because I know it is the **right thing to do**. I cannot change my past but my past does change my future, and I can assure anyone, **this will never happen again**.

I also know that I did not follow the rules of the University of Windsor. This upsets me since this institution has been my life for the past three years. I had hoped that owning up to my actions will take the disappointment away from myself, but unfortunately this is not the case. I cannot express in words **how truly sorry I am**. I know nothing I do or say can change my actions, but I have learned a lot from this experience. I know that taking the easy way out never works and **only true hard workers in life are successful**. I know that I need to prioritize my life efficiently so I will never have to take a "short cut" to complete a task. I know that plagiarising will not get me anywhere in life, and I cannot attain my goals that way. I have told those close to me, including fellow students at the University of Windsor about this incident, hoping they will learn from my actions and never break any of the rules at the University of Windsor, or at any institution. Plagiarising is not the way to go about university life. Not only do you not learn, you are lying to yourself, since those grades are not really yours. Being dishonest is not the way to get your degree or live your life.

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