

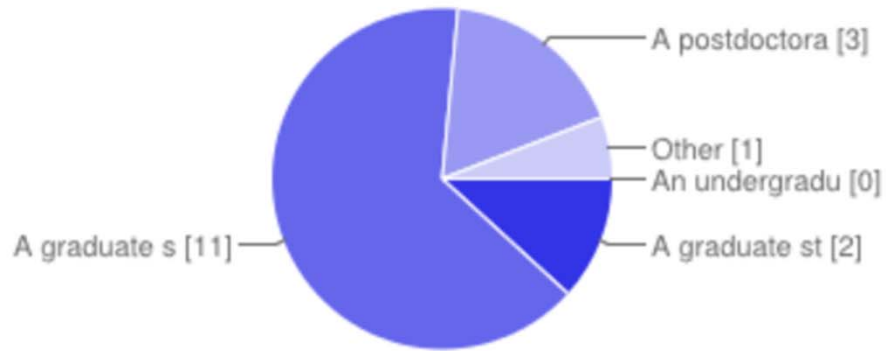
CSPB plagiarism student survey

Data collected in June 2013
17 respondents

This survey is created for the education workshop at the CSPB annual meeting on June 27, 2013. This data is collected anonymously.

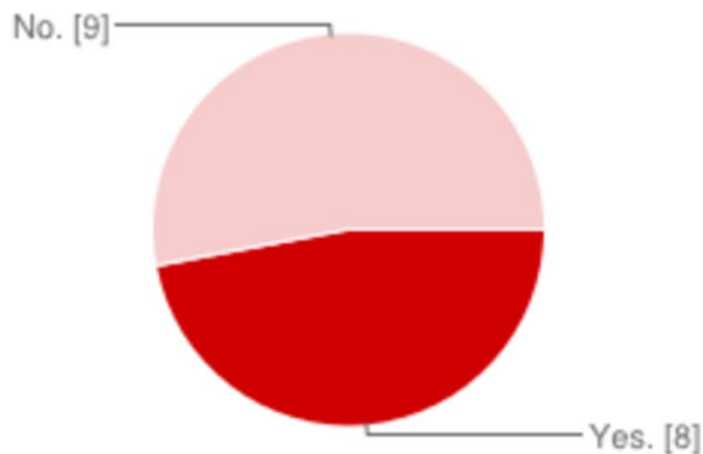
This survey is for students. If you are a postdoctoral fellow, please answer questions based on your experience as a student.

What is your current status?



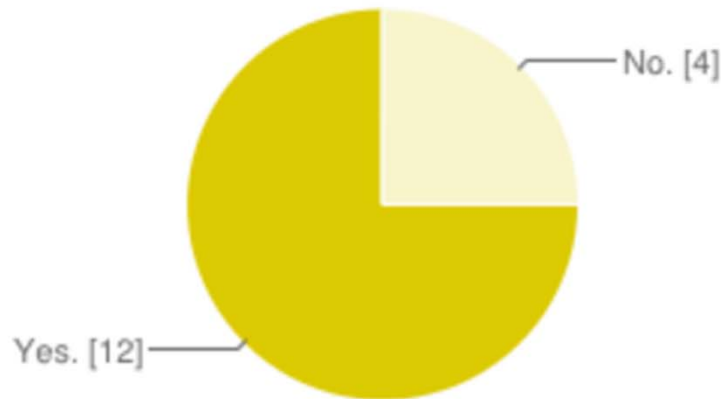
An undergraduate student.	0	0%
A graduate student in M.Sc. program.	2	12%
A graduate student in Ph.D. program.	11	65%
A postdoctoral fellow.	3	18%
Other	1	6%

Are you studying in a language different from your mother tongue?



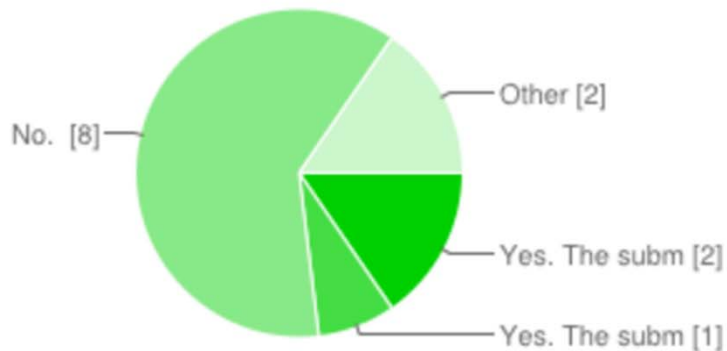
Yes.	8	47%
No.	9	53%

Does your institute subscribe to a plagiarism detection service such as Turnitin?



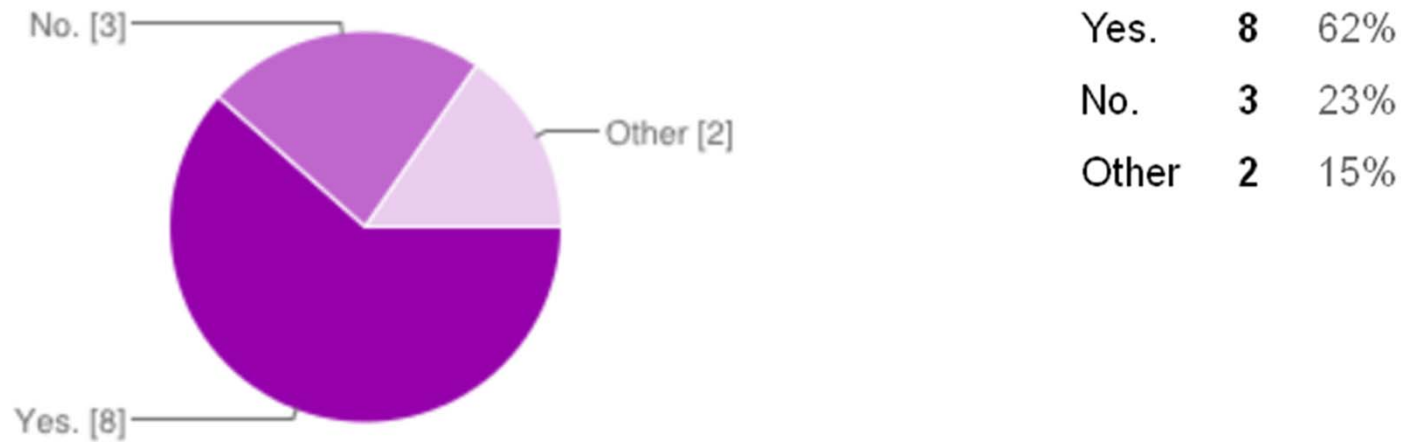
Yes.	12	75%
No.	4	25%

Do any of your instructors ask you to submit assignments to the web site maintained by the software provider? If yes, is the submission mandatory?



Yes. The submission is mandatory.	2	15%
Yes. The submission is optional.	1	8%
No.	8	62%
Other	2	15%

Do you support the use of plagiarism detection service?



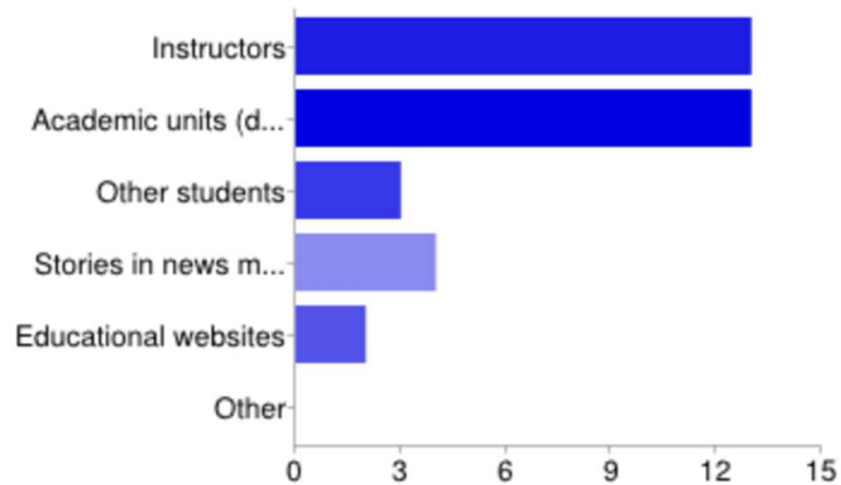
Reasons for supporting (optional comment):

- It does help to filter out blatant plagiarism and it's not a lot of work for the instructors/teaching assistants.
- When marking papers it is not always obvious if there is a case of plagiarism and it is helpful to have something else screening the paper. You want to mark for the student's thoughts and contributions and hopefully signs of higher thinking not get stuck in the hunt for a proper citation. I found that time was important for marking not just for my own workload but students also expect you to turn around their assignments or at least upload the grades fairly quickly.

Reasons for not supporting (optional comment):

- The service maintains copyright of the student's work.

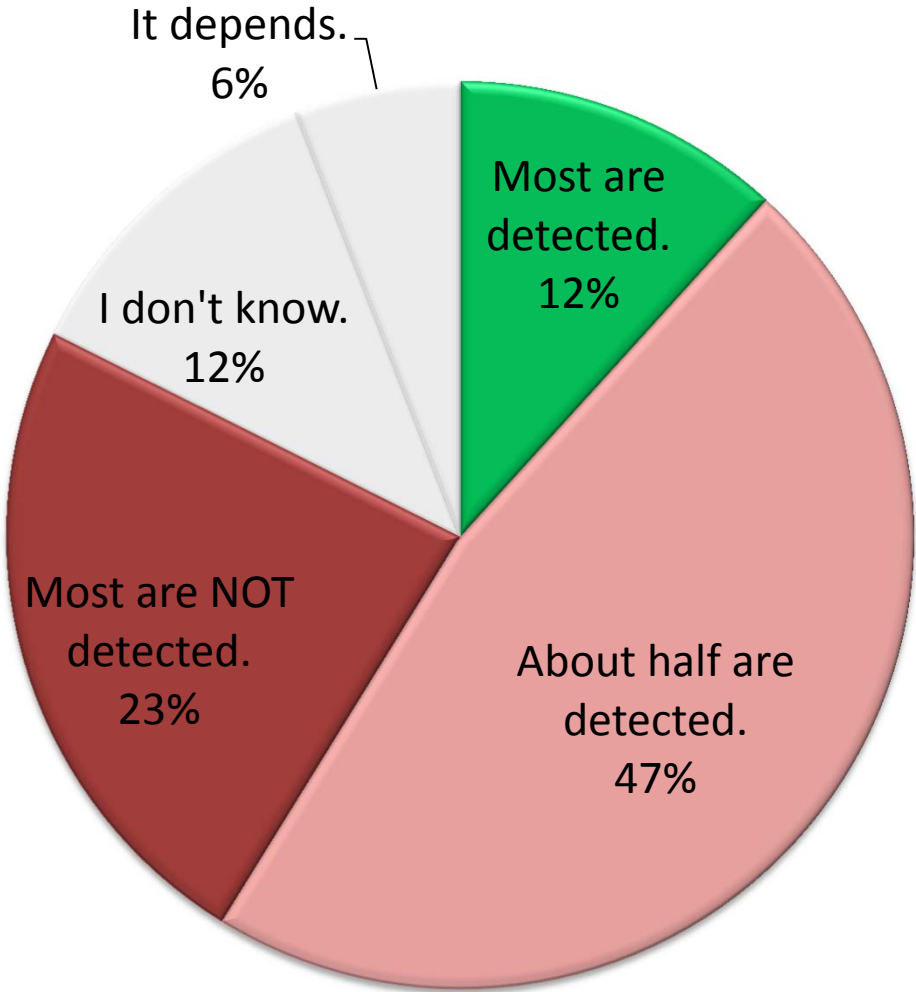
Who taught you about plagiarism?



Do most course syllabi contain information about plagiarism at your institute? If so, is it clear to you?

Yes. The descriptions are mostly clear.	9	53%
Yes. But it is not clear what are allowed and what are not.	2	12%
No. Only a few provide information.	3	18%
I do not know.	2	12%
Other	1	6%

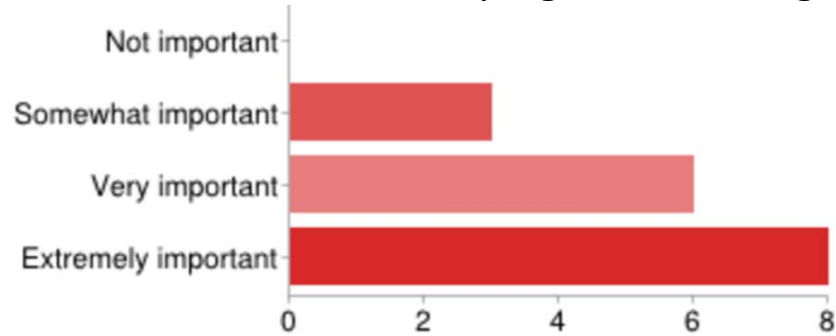
CSPB Student survey: In your opinion, how effectively do professors find plagiarism?



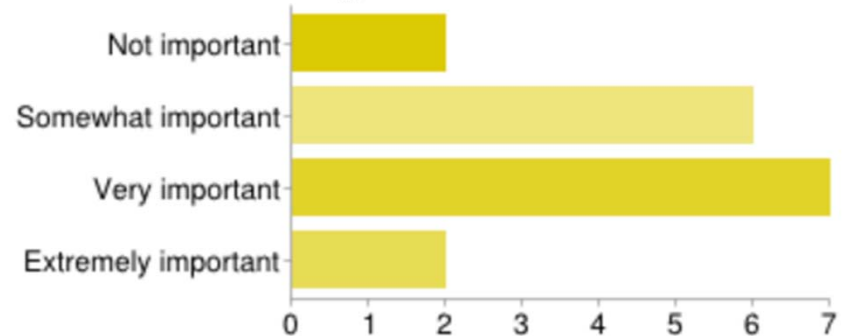
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What should we do to deter plagiarism?

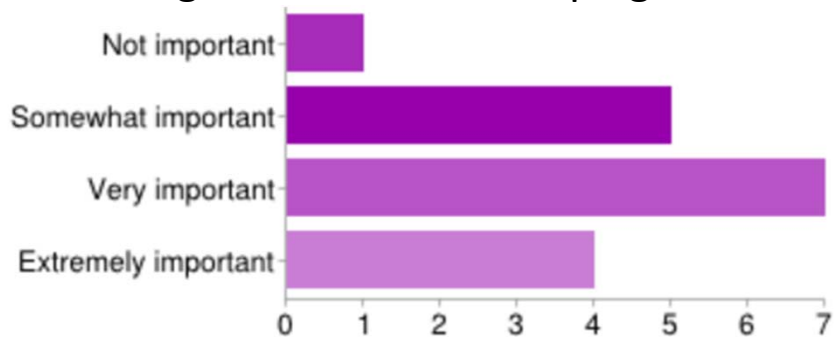
Educate students about plagiarism during lecture.



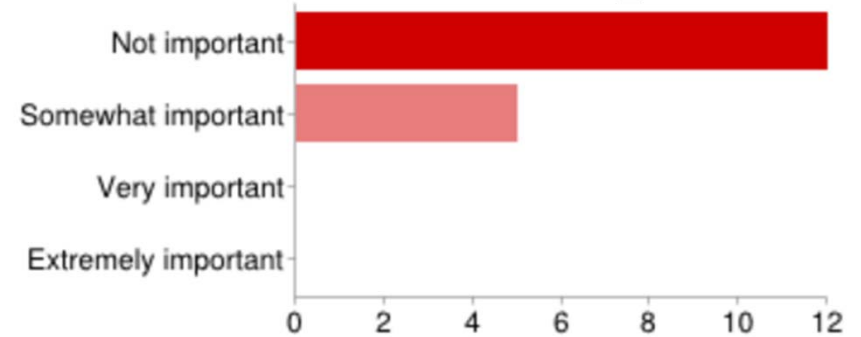
Plagiarism education website



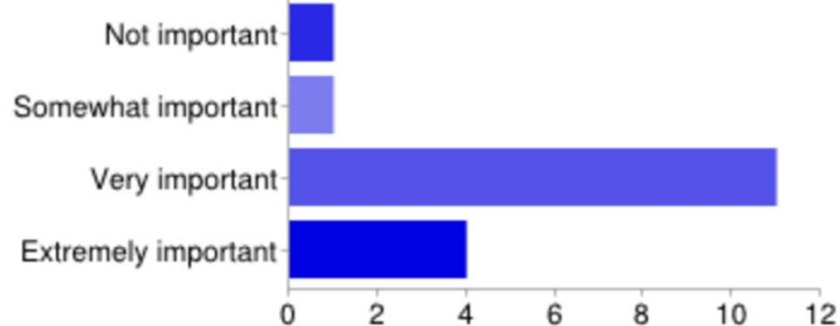
Avoid assignment that can be plagiarized easily.



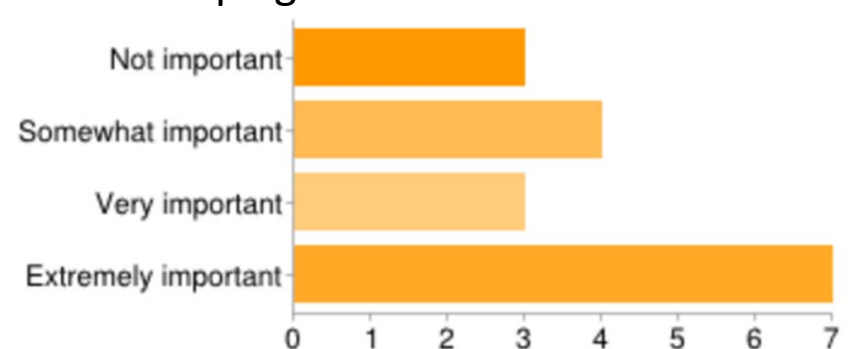
Reduce the number of assignments.



Give stricter sanctions.



Use plagiarism detection software.



What should we do?

A student submits a lab report that contains several paragraphs lifted from another report submitted in the previous year. This is the first time offense. The report is worth 10 % of the final grade.

Zero grade on the plagiarized section.	0	0%
Zero grade on the report.	12	71%
Zero grade on the report and additional grade reduction.	0	0%
Grade F for the course.	2	12%
Other	3	18%

Other:

- Zero on the report and report the incident to the Dean's office (University Policy)
- It depends on the offence: the student should be met before the final decision to see if at least he understand what he has copied (thus, Pass grade or zero on the report).
- Advice to resubmit if identified or change in topic, additional warning to go over research integrity web page.

If you have a story or opinion on plagiarism you wish to share, please use this section.

- (Student A) A friend of mine was marking a history paper with sections copy/pasted from Wikipedia. The student didn't even remove the blue-underlined hyperlinks.
- (Student B) If we keep aside all sanctions and laws forbidding plagiarism, any person that commits plagiarism is a sign of unliability and weakness of the person, it shows that he doesn't care about others personal efforts, and so if someone treats him the same he wont be that affected.
- (Student C) As an International student, when I came here, I referred Wikipedia for simple explanation for my topics of interest, when I said about this to my Scientist at AAFC, I have strictly advised not to quote it anywhere and go to the references in Wikipedia and learn more.

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- (Student D) I detected a case of plagiarism in a peer-reviewed journal article. I contacted the editor and inquired about their plagiarism protocols and standards. They thanked me for bringing the matter to their attention and asked me to highlight the plagiarized passages, which I did. I have not received a follow up since then.
- I was quite surprised to see plagiarism in a high-ranking scientific journal, and I think it absolutely necessary to educate undergraduate students on what is or is not acceptable writing. If students are not properly informed, they will carry these habits into their graduate degrees and professional writing.