



Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya

Plagiarism Policy

1. Introduction

Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya adheres strictly to the principles of academic integrity and ethical research. As mandated by the University Grants Commission (UGC) Regulations on the Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions (2018), the university enforces a **Zero Tolerance Policy on Plagiarism**. Any violation will be dealt with stringently by the University authority.

2. Scope of Original Work

All academic and research submissions must be based on original thought and work. The scope includes but is not limited to:

- Abstract and keywords
- Introduction and objectives
- Hypothesis and research methodology
- Analysis and interpretation
- Summary, observations, conclusions
- Recommendations and references

Any deviation involving misappropriation of intellectual property is considered a serious academic offense.

3. Attribution and Acknowledgment

Proper citation and acknowledgement of sources are mandatory. This includes:

- Seeking necessary permissions from original authors.
- Citing sources as per the norms and standards specific to the discipline.
- Ensuring compatibility with ethical and regulatory requirements governing source usage.

4. Institutional Mechanism for Detection

To uphold academic integrity, the university implements the following practices:

- All submissions (theses, dissertations, papers) must pass through the University Research Cell using approved detection software.
- Every student, researcher, or faculty must submit an **undertaking** declaring the originality of their work.
- Supervisors must also certify that the student's work is free from plagiarism.

- All postgraduate and research theses/dissertations must be uploaded to **ShodhGanga**.

5. Exclusions in Similarity Checks

The following content is excluded from similarity calculations:

- Properly quoted and attributed materials.
- Bibliographies, references, prefaces, acknowledgments, and tables of contents.
- Standard symbols, equations, laws, and common knowledge.

6. Definition and Levels of Plagiarism

Plagiarism will be categorized based on the extent of similarity detected:

Level	Similarity	Description
Level 0	≤ 10%	Minor similarity – No penalty, revision advised.
Level 1	>10%–40%	Moderate – Manuscript must be withdrawn; publication ban for 1 year.
Level 2	>40%–60%	Serious – Manuscript withdrawal; publication ban for 1 year; 1 increment denied; 2-year supervision ban.
Level 3	>60%	Severe – 3-year publication ban; 2 increments denied; 3-year supervision ban.

7. Repeated Offenses and Penalties

- Repeat offenses will be escalated to the next higher level of penalty.
- Repeated **Level 3** offenses may result in **suspension or termination** as per university service rules.

8. Penalty After Credit/Benefit is Gained

If plagiarism is discovered **post-factum**, the academic credit or benefit obtained shall be suspended for a duration determined by the University Authority.

9. Legal Recourse

Those found guilty of plagiarism may be subjected to legal action under relevant copyright laws if claimed by affected parties.

10. Citation and Formatting Requirements

To maintain transparency and avoid accidental plagiarism:

- Use citations when 14 or more consecutive words are taken from any source.
- Content exceeding 40 cumulative words must be italicized and enclosed in quotation marks.
- Content sourced from the internet (even open-access sites) must not exceed 30% similarity. Otherwise, the work will be rejected.