

# Checking written works for plagiarism



## Which written works are checked for plagiarism?

A plagiarism check is mandatory for qualifying papers (QP), graduation thesis (GT), and final papers within the discipline Academic Writing in English (FPE) of HSE students.

Checking of written homework, essays, abstracts, and review works to assess the level of borrowing **shall be at the discretion of the teacher** in charge of the relevant discipline.

### ★ Stages of checking works for plagiarism:

(as per [Regulations on Checking Student Papers for Plagiarism...](#))

1. Students are required to upload **the final version of their final GT/QP/FPE electronically to a special module in the LMS**, after which the work is automatically **sent to the Antiplagiat** system.
2. **A report from the Antiplagiat system on the primary review of GT/QP/FPE is generated by the program manager.**

Information on papers, which include **less than 80%** original content, **shall be forwarded** to GT/QP/FPE academic supervisor and to the faculty dean.

**!** **Written work may NOT contain any plagiarism at all. Any degree of plagiarism is unacceptable.**

#### What is 20%?

**Regulations on Checking Student Papers for Plagiarism... refers to 20% borrowing, not 20% plagiarism.**

**20% is the share for properly worded borrowings in the work, indicating the authors and sources of borrowing.**

**20% or higher percentage of borrowing triggers CLOSER ATTENTION to the work, revealing a lack of autonomy in the completion of the work.**

3. The supervisor of the QP/GT/FPE will check the text for authorship.

**Option 1. In the absence of inappropriate and incorrect borrowings** (i. e. all citations are properly formatted; technical borrowings are excluded from the percentage of borrowings, e. g. title page, reference list, ...) the supervisor makes a review of the completed QP/GT by the student, in order to **give an opinion on the authorship of the text.**

**Option 2. Should any academic misconduct (plagiarism, turning in the same paper twice, fraud...) be detected in the text, which casts doubt on the authorship of the work or one of its sections:**

- **The teacher grades the student's paper "unsatisfactory" ("0" on a 10-point scale),**
- The teacher **submits** to the Faculty Dean a **memorandum** outlining the situation, enclosing a copy of the written work (or a fragment thereof), indicating the volume of the text copied or borrowed and its source,
- ... the follow-up action are in line with the procedure set out in the [Procedures for Applying Disciplinary Measures for the Violation of Academic Standards...](#)

## What is Antiplagiat.VUZ system?

Antiplagiat. VUZ is an online tool for **assessing the degree of authorship of students' written works**. It generates a report indicating **all parts copied, the sources cited, and the percentage of text borrowed**.

### ★ What is borrowing?

**Borrowing** can be described as a match **to any text from the** Antiplagiat database.

**Source base:** The Internet, HSE's own collection (compiled from past student papers), and the most comprehensive and relevant database of scientific, academic, and other documents.

The system may detect violations such as **plagiarism, fraud, double submission**.

**HOWEVER, BORROWING DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY MEAN THAT THE STUDENT HAS VIOLATED ACADEMIC STANDARDS**

The Antiplagiat.VUZ package is only a **tool** to detect borrowing **rather than an objective criterion for the existence of academic misconduct**.

**Therefore, the teacher reviews** the work verified by the system, **carries out an analysis**, and **decides on the authorship** of the work and the presence/absence of academic misconduct.

### Disadvantages of the Antiplagiat system<sup>1</sup>:

**X** The report does not differentiate between legitimate, illegitimate, and improper borrowing.

**✓** The report accounts for legitimate technical borrowings (e. g. names of public authorities, bibliography, title page, texts of legal regulations, etc.) in the total percentage of borrowings.

**Will a work be checked for plagiarism if the Antiplagiat system has not detected any exceeding of the presumptive acceptable level of borrowings?**

During the feedback phase, the supervisor of the QP/GT checks their students' work for academic misconduct.

**!** As a result, **EVERY WORK** undergoes a **quality plagiarism check, regardless of the results of the Antiplagiat report.**

<sup>1</sup> Chekhovich Yu. V., Belenkaya O. S., Ivakhnenko A. A. *Methodological Recommendations on the Effective Implementation and Use of Antiplagiat.VUZ System*. St Petersburg: Lan', 2020.