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# The other day in the cafeteria - rumours about plagiarism

In order to inform and educate students (and staff), we have collected these common rumours, myths/questions and drafted possible answers. We react to them in a FAQ-like scheme.

## I’ve heard…

## …After I graduate, I want to work as a teacher/ a marketing specialist/ a doctor/ an engineer, not as a researcher or scientist. Why should I be bothered about the rules of academic practice?

So you probably do not want to become a professional researcher or scientist. Maybe you ‘just’ want to pass your exams. Maybe you are not particularly interested in discussing research and its results. There are still a number of reasons why you need to master and apply the rules of academic practice.

In learning the rules of academic practice you will also acquire skills you will need in your future job: You will develop a style of working characterized by integrity, trustworthiness, transparency, personal accountability and respect for the work of others.

There are many reasons why these rules of academic practice matter. Proper referencing makes research articles comprehensible, and allows them to be reconstructed and tested. Maybe your audience are interested in reading for themselves the original version of some clever argument you used in your work. It would only be fair to give them the chance to do so.

Moreover, you will be learning how to fulfil the professional standards of your field. No matter what job you end up in: your employers will expect this from you. As you expect the doctors in a hospital to adhere to the hygiene regulations, so you are expected to master and apply the established rules of academic practice. In fact, academic integrity should apply everywhere, not just in science and research.