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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…

## …that if I’m proved guilty of plagiarism, I may be expelled from university.

Yes, that can ultimately be one of the consequences of plagiarism. Plagiarism is a gross violation of the standards of good academic practice and of the examination regulations. The termination of enrolment is only one of many possible consequences.

What consequences will be taken in a specific case depends on the university regulations, higher education legislation, the assessment of the examiners, the university’s plagiarism policy and the gravity of the offence in question. Since there are a variety of possible mistakes in students’ texts, there are also a variety of possible sanctions.

Most universities handle cases of plagiarism in a similar way as an attempt at cheating in a (written) exam. Your work will be marked as ‘failed’ at least. A note documenting your attempt at cheating may be added to your student file. Especially grave or repeated acts of plagiarism may incur penalties like expulsion from the university.