



# **MULTIPLE SUBMISSION**

## ***A Violation of Academic Integrity***

The Rutgers University Policy on Academic Integrity prohibits “submitting the same work or major portions thereof to satisfy the requirements of more than one course without permission from the instructor.”

This violation of Academic Integrity is classified as a Level Two violation, meaning that the consequence could include a failing grade on the assignment, a failing grade in the course and/or Disciplinary Probation.

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### **BUT WHY IS MULTIPLE SUBMISSION A VIOLATION?**

#### **ANSWER: ONE ASSIGNMENT = ONE GRADE**

When you submit a paper or assignment, the assumption is that you completed the work for your current academic course or requirement; therefore, your grade for that assignment or paper is based on that work.

When you submit work that was graded as part of another academic course or requirement (without advance permission from the instructor), you are actually misrepresenting it as original work. That misrepresentation is an act of academic dishonesty and therefore, a violation of the Academic Integrity Policy.



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### **Frequently Asked Questions About Multiple Submissions**

**Question:** Are you saying that when I submit the same work for different courses I am plagiarizing myself?

**Answer:** No. Multiple submission has nothing to do with plagiarism. Plagiarism occurs when a writer uses the words or ideas of another as his or her own. Since multiple submission involves re-using your own work, it would not be classified as plagiarism but is still classified as an act of academic dishonesty.

**Question:** If I wrote an amazing paper on the same topic before, why shouldn't I be able to use it again?

**Answer:** The purpose of this advisory isn't to suggest that multiple submission is never permitted, only that you will need to be given permission from your instructor PRIOR to resubmission.

**Question:** If I am given permission by my instructor to resubmit some or all of a previous assignment, do I need to cite myself?

**Answer:** Check with your instructor on this as different courses or academic disciplines will handle this instance in different ways. If this isn't possible, we say, “When in doubt, cite it.”

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