**Referencing and Plagiarism**

REFERENCING

Any time you discuss or use someone else’s words *or ideas* in an essay, you must reference it both in-text and in a bibliography. **Note that these referencing guidelines are specific to me. Other professors may have other guidelines.**

MLA In-text citations

For a **direct quote**, in-text citations must include the author’s last name, the year of publication, and the page or slide number of the quote. For example:

**Quoting from an essay:** “So far, there has been no empirical work on whether *philosophers* are influenced by these biases. But given that philosophers are human beings, it seems very likely that they are” (Saul, 2013, p. 2).

**Quoting from a PowerPoint:** “Some bad arguments are tricky, and aren’t necessarily fallacies” (Keller, 2019, sl. 53).

For a **paraphrase**, in-text citations must include the author’s last name and year of publication. For example:

**Paraphrasing from an essay:** Implicit bias affects all people, so we should expect that implicit bias will affect philosophers as well, since philosophers are people too (Saul, 2013).

**Paraphrasing from a PowerPoint:** Bad arguments can be hard to identify, because they don’t always rely on logical fallacies (Keller, 2019).

Bibliographies

For **texts** that are part of the assigned readings, you should include the author’s last name, first initial, year of publication, title of the essay, and “*Provided Course Materials.*” For example:

Saul, J. (2013). ‘Implicit bias, stereotype threat, and women in philosophy.’ *Provided Course Materials*.

For **class PowerPoints or handouts**, you should first check whether *I* have cited someone. If there isn’t a citation, and it’s my original words, then you should include my last name, first initial, year of the lecture, file name, and “*PowerPoint Presentation.*” For example:

Greer, M. (2019). ‘2.4 PPT.’ *PowerPoint Presentation.*

You are not required or expected to use outside sources in this class. However, if you choose to do so, you should refer to the Purdue OWL guidelines on **MLA** citation, which you can find at: owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\_and\_citation/mla\_style

TURN OVER FOR VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PLAGIARISM!!

PLAGIARISM

Any time you use another person’s words *or ideas* without properly citing them, that is plagiarism. This includes readings and PowerPoints, but it also includes sources you find online like forums or blog posts. Be diligent – plagiarism is still plagiarism even if you didn’t do it maliciously, just carelessly. Plagiarism is a serious offense[[1]](#footnote-1), and I have a very strict plagiarism policy, as follows:

**PHIL2101 Plagiarism Policy:** The first instance of plagiarism will result in a grade of zero points on the assignment. The second instance of plagiarism will result in my filing a report with the Academic Integrity Office, where I will recommend course failure. *There are no exceptions*.

**How to avoid plagiarism:** Absolutely do not try to avoid plagiarism with clever paraphrasing or by trying to find an obscure website to copy from. I will find out – trust me. Here’s what you can do:

* When in doubt, just cite it! I’d rather have you correctly citing shady Internet blogs than have to fail you for plagiarism.
* Talk to me! If you’re struggling with the material, or worried about the deadline, or have something going on in your life that’s making it hard to get work done, *tell me*. Send me an email or come to office hours. I’m happy to work out a plan with you to get the work done right.

When you’re reading and doing work for this class, remember my **number one rule:**

**The Number One Rule of PHIL2101:** If you don’t talk to me, I can’t help you. If you do talk to me, I will do everything I can to help you succeed.

1. Seriously, it is – in the real world. Here are some people who have lost their jobs because they plagiarized: 1. Jonah Lehrer, former *New Yorker* writer. 2. Freed Zakaria, former CNN reporter and *Time Magazine* correspondent. 3. Dr. H. Gilbert Welch, former cancer researcher and Dartmouth College professor. 4. Kaavya Viswanathan, former bestselling author. 4. Dr. Étienne Klein, former physicist and IHEST Paris professor. 5. Benny Johnson, former *Buzzfeed* reporter. You get the picture. Don’t do it! [↑](#footnote-ref-1)