



Mawlana Bhashani Science & Technology University

Anti-Plagiarism Guideline, 2025

MSc, MPhil and PhD Program

1. Purpose and Scope

1.1 Objectives

These guidelines aim to:

Clarify different manifestations of academic dishonesty

Promote ethical standards in scholarly writing

Establish methods for detecting unoriginal content in academic submissions

Outline disciplinary actions for academic misconduct

1.2 Applicability

These provisions govern all postgraduate research students enrolled in Master of Science, Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) programs at the institution.

1.3 Access to Detection Systems

Academic staff members and all postgraduate research candidates shall utilize the university's designated originality verification software.

2. Definition of Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty refers to presenting another individual's intellectual work—whether in whole or in part, deliberately or inadvertently—as original content without proper attribution to the original creator, regardless of the medium (digital, print, or alternative formats).

2.1 Prohibited Practices

The following behaviors are considered violations of academic integrity:

- a) Unauthorized Appropriation Presenting another author's complete work or substantial portions thereof as original scholarship, whether the source material has been formally published or remains unpublished.
- b) Unattributed Borrowed Content Incorporating verbatim passages, rephrased material, patented innovations, or original concepts from other sources, as well as reproducing extensive sections from existing publications or manuscripts, without appropriate citation.



- c) Visual Content Misappropriation Utilizing diagrams, statistical representations, creative works, or data visualizations without acknowledging their original creators.
- d) Technical and Instructional Material Employing computational procedures, programming scripts, mathematical proofs, educational materials, or fellow students' assignments without crediting the original sources.
- e) Digital Content Manipulation Extracting and incorporating content from various sources through copying and pasting techniques without implementing proper citation methods or quotation marks.
- f) Fraudulent Data Presentation Claiming ownership of purchased, misappropriated, or borrowed experimental data and research findings.
- g) Cross-linguistic Appropriation Translating and using content originally published in foreign languages without securing authorization from the original author.
- h) Copyright Infringement Any conduct that contravenes domestic or international intellectual property protection statutes currently in force.

3. Reuse of Previously Published Work

3.1 Definition

When researchers incorporate material from their own previously published scholarship without appropriate citation, this constitutes improper reuse of one's own work. This applies to any prior publications connected to the dissertation, including scholarly articles, monographic studies, or contributed chapters in edited volumes.

3.2 Documentation Requirements

A dedicated declaration form is provided in the appendix where the research advisor must formally acknowledge any previously published materials—including journal articles, monographic publications, or book chapter contributions—that are incorporated into the dissertation.

3.3 Legal Considerations

The reuse of one's own published material raises significant concerns regarding potential infringement of publishing agreements and copyright transfer arrangements. Candidates are

therefore strongly advised to obtain explicit written authorization from the relevant publishers to prevent any violations of intellectual property rights.

4. Dissertation Submission Protocol

4.1 Initial Submission

Research candidates must provide both electronic and physical versions of their completed dissertation to the Chairperson of the Thesis Assessment Committee.



4.2 Verification Process

The Committee Chairperson will:

- Configure appropriate exclusion parameters within the originality detection system
- Conduct a comprehensive similarity analysis of the submitted dissertation

4.3 Acceptable Results

When the similarity analysis demonstrates that the originality metrics fall within permitted thresholds, the Chairperson will forward the dissertation together with the similarity analysis report and the academic integrity verification document to the Examinations Controller for subsequent administrative processing.

5. Exclusion Parameters for Originality Detection Software

When conducting similarity analyses, the following elements shall be exempted from consideration:

5.1 Properly Attributed Material

All cited content from public domain sources or materials reproduced with appropriate authorization and proper acknowledgment.

5.2 Standard Preliminary Components

Prefatory sections encompassing the candidate's declaration statement, supervisory certification, contents listing, and complete reference lists or bibliographic compilations.

5.3 Incidental Matches

All trivial or negligible textual correspondences.

5.4 Universal Academic Elements

Standard terminology, established legal principles, conventional symbolic notation, and widely accepted mathematical formulations.

5.5 Common Phraseology

Phrases representing general knowledge or coincidental matches consisting of up to ten consecutive words.

5.6 Previously Published Research Components

When the dissertation incorporates the candidate's own published scholarship, the Assessment Committee Chairperson must calculate the similarity percentage attributable to such previously published work, deduct this figure from the total similarity percentage, and then evaluate the remaining percentage against the maximum permissible threshold. In such instances, the Chairperson must provide a formal certification document (Previously Published Work Exclusion Certificate) and attach the relevant published article(s) when submitting materials to the Examinations Controller. No other publications by the candidate or their supervisor may be excluded from the verification process.

6. Permissible Similarity Thresholds

Following the application of the specified exclusion parameters within the originality detection system, the maximum allowable similarity percentage is twenty percent (20%), not counting similarity attributable to the candidate's own previously published work.



7. Institutional Repository Archiving

7.1 Pre-Award Requirements

Prior to the formal conferral of the degree, successful candidates must deposit an electronic version of their dissertation, any applicable previously published work exclusion certification, and all related supporting materials.

7.2 Library Verification and Archiving

The university library will conduct an independent originality analysis of the submitted dissertation using the designated detection software, after which the dissertation will be permanently archived in the institution's digital repository system.

8. Temporal Application

Dissertations that received formal approval and were awarded prior to the implementation date of these academic integrity regulations shall not be subject to retroactive application of these provisions.



DECLARATION OF THE APPLICANT

Details of the Candidate/Researcher	
Name of the Candidate/Researcher:	
Registration and Roll Number	
Title of Topic:	
Faculty/Institute:	
Department:	
Contact Information	
Mobile:	
E-mail ID (in block letter):	
Details of the Supervisor	
Name of the Supervisor:	
Designation & Address:	
Mobile:	
E-mail ID:	
Details of the Co-Supervisor	
Name of the Co- supervisor:	
Designation & Address:	
Mobile:	
E-mail ID:	

I pledge to abide by the law and regulations of MBSTU. I accept that the university decision which is final.

SIGNATURE OF THE
APPLICANT



DECLARATION OF THE SUPERVISORS

I hereby announce that the terms submitted by the scholar have been carefully checked by me/us. Thesis does not replicate. I/We shall abide by the laws of the university on plagiarism.

SIGNATURE OF
THE SUPERVISOR WITH SEAL

SIGNATURE OF
THE CO- SUPERVISOR

Enclosures:

Entire soft copy of the Thesis shall be submitted in single Searchable PDF file less than 40 MB size (From Title page to Last page of thesis).



PLAGIARISM VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE

Date:

Title of the Thesis:

.....
...

.....
.....

.....
.....

.....
..... Total Page:

.....
..... Program (MSc/PhD/MPhil):

.....
Supervisor:

.....
..... Co-Supervisor:

.....
.....

Department/Institute:

.....

This is to state that the above document has been scanned for plagiarism detection and the outcome is given below:

Software used: ithenticate Date:

Similarity Index: Total word count:

The complete report is submitted for review by the University.

Setting at the ithenticate (Use tick mark on the left).

<input type="checkbox"/>	Exclude Quote	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exclude Phases
<input type="checkbox"/>	Exclude bibliography	<input type="checkbox"/>	No of Word count <10

Limit searches to these repositories ☐ Crossref ☐ Posted Content ☐

Internet ☐ Publications ☐



We undertake the following:

- a. The research work submitted is original.
- b. No sentence, table, paragraph, or section has been copied verbatim from any other resource unless it is placed under quotation marks and duly referenced.
- c. There is no fabrication of data or results which have been compiled.
- d. There is no falsification by manipulating research materials, equipment, or processes.

Similarity index of the thesis is as follows:

% Similarity index	
% of Self Similarity	
% of net similarity index	
Total continuous words	

Declaration of Self-similarity (if applicable)

List details of the published article(s) which excluded from the similarity checking

1. Supervisor

Name:

Signature:

2. Student:

Name :

Signature :



ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND ORIGINALITY DECLARATION

Candidate Name (BLOCK LETTERS): _____

Registration Number: _____

Academic Unit (BLOCK LETTERS): _____

Primary Advisor: _____

Secondary Advisor: _____

Research Title (BLOCK LETTERS): _____

Candidate Attestation

Please mark each statement to acknowledge and confirm:

- ☐ I have reviewed and comprehend the institutional policies governing postgraduate research conduct, with particular attention to academic dishonesty provisions.
- ☐ I acknowledge my understanding of domestic and international intellectual property regulations.
- ☐ The submitted research work represents my original scholarship, with all external contributions properly identified.
- ☐ This work has not been presented, whether in complete or partial form, for any academic credential at this institution or elsewhere.
- ☐ All borrowed material, including visual representations, data tables, statistical charts, and graphical elements, has been explicitly identified with appropriate citations.
- ☐ I have properly credited all forms of assistance received beyond that provided by my research supervision team.
- ☐ No portion of this submission has been appropriated from another student's academic work.
- ☐ I have not utilized any commercial or third-party services that provide pre-written, template, or counterfeit academic materials in developing this submission.
- ☐ I consent to maintain a digital version of this work until the formal release of my final assessment outcome.
- ☐ I authorize the provision of such digital copy to assessment panel members if required for word count verification or originality analysis purposes.

Candidate's signature: _____

Date: _____