

A Reminder about Plagiarism and Self-Plagiarism

The School of Political Science and Economics

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3. When you reuse words, statements, or ideas that have first appeared in any of your other papers or reports, you must acknowledge their sources.

The first-year students in the School will have learned how to avoid plagiarism in "Basic Seminar." All the other students are asked to review the content of that course.

More details can be found at:

"Avoiding Plagiarism"

<https://www.waseda.jp/fpse/pse/assets/uploads/2015/06/Avoiding-Plagiarism.pdf>

"Self-Plagiarism in Reports, Papers, and Theses"

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