



## PLAGIARISM DECLARATION FORM

This form **must be** completed, signed and attached to all assignments/ projects/ dissertations.

Please complete the information below (using BLOCK LETTERS):

Student's Name.....

Student ID..... University ID (if any) .....

Batch Code..... Module Name.....

*The following definition of plagiarism is taken from the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, Theses and Dissertation (MLA: New York, 1977 99 4-5)*

*"Plagiarism may take the form of repeating another's sentences as your own, adopting a particularly apt phrase as your own, paraphrasing someone's argument as your own, or even presenting someone else's line of thinking in the development of a thesis as though it were your own. In short, to plagiarise is to give the impression that you have written or thought something that you have in fact borrowed from another. Although a writer may use other person's words and thoughts they must be acknowledged as such (by the use of the appropriate reference, and by the insertion of quotation marks around any words directly quoted.)"*

### **PLAGIARISM DECLARATION**

1. I acknowledge and understand that plagiarism is wrong and that it constitutes academic theft.
2. I understand that my written work must be accurately referenced. I have followed the rules and conventions concerning referencing laid out in the course outline for this course.
3. I have not allowed, nor will I in the future allow, anyone to copy my work with the intentions of passing it off as his or her work. I also accept that submitting identical work to someone else (a syndicate assignment) constitutes a form of plagiarism. I accept that the same principle applies to authorised group work.

### **PLAGIARISM WARNING**

1. Any student found to have committed or aided and abetted the offence of plagiarism may be subjected to the following penalties depending on the severity of his involvement in the offence.
  - i. The student shall receive no marks or a reduction of marks for the relevant academic assignment, project or dissertation;
  - ii. Subsequent offences will attract more severe penalties, including possible termination of studies.
2. Students should seek clarification from their respective lecturers, tutors or supervisors if they are unsure whether they are plagiarising the work of another person.

### **DECLARATION BY STUDENT**

I have read and understood that above definition of plagiarism. I am aware of and understand the Institute's policy on plagiarism. I declare that all material in this assignment/project/dissertation is my own work and does not involve plagiarism.

Student's Signature..... Date.....