

PLAGIARISM POLICY



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A. Commitment to Academic Integrity

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B. Definitions and Scope

For the purposes of this Policy, the following terms shall have the meanings assigned to them as listed below:

1. Plagiarism includes using another's work: words, ideas, or expressions as one's own without due citation.
2. Paraphrasing means rewording or rephrasing another author's ideas, arguments, or expressions without proper acknowledgment. Substantial rewording without citation constitutes paraphrasing, even if the original text is not directly copied.
3. Self-plagiarism / text-recycling refers to reusing or republishing one's own previously published work (in full or in part) without proper acknowledgment.

NOTE that excerpts properly quoted and cited, commonly used phrases or legal terms, and the elements excluded under UGC guidelines (such as reference lists, bibliographies, quotations, acknowledgments, generic terms, statutory text) may be excluded from similarity checks.

C. Originality and Exclusivity

1. All submissions must be original, unpublished, and not under consideration at another journal.
2. Any overlap with one's prior work must be explicitly disclosed and appropriately cited.

D. Plagiarism Screening & Similarity Thresholds

1. All manuscripts are subject to similarity testing using recognised tools (e.g., Turnitin, iThenticate, or equivalents).
2. Post a tool-based screening, each manuscript goes through a manual plagiarism check in two stages by the Technical Review committee, as has been elaborated in detail in the 'Review Process' policy.
3. The NLIU Law Review does not apply a fixed similarity percentage as a threshold for acceptance or rejection. Instead, the Technical Review board evaluates the nature and context of the overlap, focusing on three instances of plagiarism or paraphrasing that materially affect the originality, analysis, or essence of the manuscript.
4. Portions such as references, quotations, common legal phrases, statutory text, or generic terminology will not be counted in the similarity score, to the extent possible.
5. Manuscripts exceeding the threshold or showing signs of improper attribution will be rejected or returned for revision to the author, as the case may be.

E. Editorial Discretion & Review

1. The Editorial Board retains the discretion to interpret similarity reports, taking into account discipline-specific norms and the nature of overlap.
2. Independent reviewers or editorial experts may advise in cases of ambiguous overlap.
3. In borderline cases, authors may be allowed to revise portions or submit clarifications.

F. Penalties & Remedial Actions

If plagiarism is determined, the NLIU Law Review reserves the right to take one or more of the following measures:

1. Reject the manuscript at any stage of the editorial or review process.
2. Request revisions or corrections.
3. Notify the author's affiliated institution, department, or relevant oversight bodies of the misconduct.
4. Bar the author(s) from future submissions to the journal (blacklisting).

Repeated or egregious plagiarism post request for revisions may attract stricter sanctions along with legal actions.

G. Author Obligations & Declarations

As per the policies of the NLIU Law Review, the author must:

- Guarantee that the manuscript is their own original work.
- Cite every source used (ideas, text, data, tables) in full compliance with the Journal's citation style.
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- Submit a declaration affirming originality, absence of prior or concurrent submission, and disclosure of any AI usage. A sample declaration has been provided below for the reference of the author(s).

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- Cooperate with inquiries from the editorial board in case of suspected plagiarism.

H. AI-Generated Content

1. The submission of content drafted by artificial intelligence tools (e.g. large language models) is strongly discouraged.
2. If any portion of the manuscript is aided by AI, authors must clearly state this in a declaration and ensure that the content is original, properly attributed, and free from errors or misrepresentations.

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