

## **V THE COST OF PLAGIARISM**

Plagiarism is a form of academic dishonesty, and is therefore viewed by all teachers and educational authorities as a serious offence, and with good reason. A plagiarist is in effect attempting to obtain a scholastic grade by fraud, as well as to make a mockery of education itself. There are severe penalties in place at the university regarding the submission of plagiarized work by students.

The gist of these penalties is as follows:

### **Taught Undergraduate/Postgraduate Studies by Coursework**

- (i) If academic dishonesty is found in respect of subject based assessment, an 'F' grade will be assigned to the subject.
- (ii) For more serious or repeated cases, the student concerned will be given an 'F' grade for the subject and more stringent disciplinary action will be taken.

### **Postgraduate Studies by Research**

- (iii) If academic dishonesty is found in the submission of a thesis/dissertation, the Board of Examination could fail the student concerned and allow for a re-submission of work or terminate the candidacy of the student concerned.

For details regarding official policies and procedures, please refer to the Appendix of this handbook.