

Geography Degree Programmes, The University of Edinburgh

Own Work Declaration

This sheet must be filled in by those doing Geography degree programmes (including GPG and joint degrees), once at the beginning of the Junior and Senior Honours' years. This form is considered to be 'valid' for all degree work undertaken during that year. Each box should be ticked as a way of verifying that you have understood this declaration, and then signed and dated. Work will not be marked unless this is done.

Name

Matric Number:

Degree Programme:

Year of study: Junior Honours Senior Honours

I confirm that all submitted work will be my own except where indicated, and that I will:

Clearly reference/list all sources as appropriate

Reference and put in inverted commas all quoted text (from books, web, etc)

Give the sources of all pictures, data, etc that are not my own

Not make any inappropriate use of the report(s) or essay(s) of any other student(s) either past or present

Not seek or use the help of any external professional agencies for the work

Acknowledge in appropriate ways and places any help received from others (e.g. fellow students, technicians, statisticians, external sources)

Comply with any other plagiarism criteria specified in the Course Handbook

I understand that any false claim for my work will be penalised in accordance with University regulations

Signature

Date

Please note: If you need further guidance on plagiarism, you can

1. Consult your course handbook
2. Speak to your course organiser or supervisor
3. Check out <http://www.aaps.ed.ac.uk/regulations/Plagiarism/Intro.htm>

Please read the notes about the use of plagiarism detection software overleaf

Use of plagiarism detection software

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