

## **Issue of plagiarism with Master thesis**

The Faculty decides to incorporate the following paragraph on the 'Proposal subject Master thesis' form:

"Those parts of the Master thesis that were copied word-for-word from other texts must be enclosed in quotations marks with full reference. Full reference is also needed in the non-literal use of other texts. Failure to apply these rules will be considered plagiarism."

### **Quotations\***

#### **When to quote?**

- to support your own interpretation;
- when the quote needs an own interpretation of the author;
- quoting too much indicates idleness and lack of an own interpretation.

#### **Rules for quoting**

- quoted sections must be reasonable in size;
- when quoting secondary sources only quote authoritative texts;
- for every quotation it must be clear who the author is and which publication your source was. Don't copy anything without clear reference. This is regarded plagiarism and will be severely penalized!;
- if possible quote as much as possible from the original publication and in the original language (i.e. Dutch, English, French and German. Quotations in any other language will require a Dutch translation in a footnote);
- when quoting an author in another book, the reference must be eg Keynes, J.M., quoted in ... ;
- quotations must be reproduced faithfully. Use an ellipsis (...) when leaving out some pieces of text.

\* From: Enkele nuttige wenken ivm. de Masterproef, Brussels, V.U.B., Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences & Solvay Business School, version October 2013, page 15.

#### **Finally:**

The same rules for quoting mentioned here above need also to be used when the information was found on the internet. The name of the website needs to be mentioned in full as well. Take into account that many information found on the internet has a low standard of quality. Only use reliable data of which the source can be verified.