What is Plagiarism?

- According to the Brenau Student Handbook, it is "the act of taking the words or ideas of another and representing them as one's own."
- As a general rule, it is not considered common knowledge unless it is published in 5 or more sources.
- Sanctions for Plagiarism include:
  - *1st offense- "0" on assignment
  - *2nd offense- "F" in the course
  - *3rd offense- Expulsion
- Don't assume your professor is clueless – he/she knows what is common knowledge!
- Copying and pasting from a website is plagiarism. You are free to use the information that you find on websites, but you must paraphrase the information using your own words or use quotation marks around information that you use word-for-word in your assignments.
- Failure to properly cite sources is plagiarism, intentional or not!