Amendment to the Plagiarism Prevention Policy of the University of Ruhuna (2024)

5.3 The University of Ruhuna complies with the tolerance level of similarity as 25% for postgraduate submissions and 40% for undergraduate submissions. The tolerance level for AI-generated text shall be 0% for both graduate and undergraduate students.

Table A1- Determination of plagiarism level and potential recommendations

Plagiarism Level	Similarity percentage	Recommendation by the committee		
		Postgraduate submissions	Undergraduate submission	
			Project reports/dissertations	Assignments
Level 0	Similarities up to 25%,	Minor Similarities, no punitive actions.	Considered as no significant issue of plagiarism.	Refer to the Faculty Board approved Framework
Level 1	Similarities above from 26% to 40%	The submitter shall be asked to resubmit a revised version.	Minor Similarities. No penalty .	
Level 2	Similarities above 41%	The submitter shall be asked to resubmit a revised version.	The student shall be asked to resubmit the revised version.	