ACADEMIC INTEGRITY DEFINITIONS

Academic Integrity Definitions

The maintenance of academic honesty and integrity is a vital concern of the University community. Any student found responsible for violating the policy on Academic Integrity may be subject to both academic and disciplinary sanctions. Violations of the policy on Academic Integrity include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Cheating
   Copying or attempting to copy from an academic test or examination of another student; using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, notes, study aids or other devices for an academic test, examination or exercise; engaging or attempting to engage the assistance of another individual in misrepresenting the academic performance of a student; or communicating information in an unauthorized manner to another person for an academic test, examination or exercise.

2. Fabrication and Falsification
   Falsifying or fabricating any information or citation in any academic exercise, work, speech, test or examination. Falsification is the alteration of information, while fabrication is the invention or counterfeiting of information.

3. Plagiarism
   Presenting the work of another as one’s own (i.e., without proper acknowledgment of the source) and submitting examinations, theses, reports, speeches, drawings, laboratory notes or other academic work in whole or in part as one’s own when such work has been prepared by another person or copied from another person. Materials covered by this prohibition include, but are not limited to, text, video, audio, images, photographs, websites, electronic and online materials, and other intellectual property.

4. Abuse of Academic Materials and/or Equipment
   Destroying, defacing, stealing, or making inaccessible library or other academic resource material.

5. Complicity in Academic Dishonesty
   Helping or attempting to help another student to commit an act of academic dishonesty.

6. Falsifying Grade Reports
   Changing or destroying grades, scores or markings on an examination or in an instructor’s records.

7. Misrepresentation to Avoid Academic Work
   Misrepresentation by fabricating an otherwise justifiable excuse such as illness, injury, accident, etc., in order to avoid timely submission of academic work or to avoid or delay the taking of a test or examination.

8. Originality
   Misrepresenting work as newly created original work, when the work already has been submitted for another assignment or course without substantial revision.

9. Other
   Academic units and members of the faculty may prescribe and give students prior notice of additional standards of conduct for academic honesty in a particular course, and violation of any such standard of conduct shall constitute violation of this policy.