

Cheating and Plagiarism

The University does not condone or tolerate cheating or plagiarism. Students who cheat or submit plagiarized work are liable to receive a failing grade for the assignment and/or the course. In more serious cases, the student who cheats or plagiarizes is liable to be suspended or dismissed from the University by the appropriate Academic Dean.

Cheating

Cheating is a most serious form of dishonesty and is not tolerated by the University. It may be defined as the giving or accepting of unauthorized assistance with any assignment (including, but not restricted to, examinations and papers). The most common examples would be: copying an answer on an examination; knowingly allowing your answer to be copied (except when collaboration is authorized by the instructor); bringing unauthorized aids to an examination room for your own or someone else's benefit; and providing test questions in advance (or receiving them from anyone other than the instructor in the course).

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is another serious form of dishonesty. It may be defined as stealing or purchasing the ideas and writings of another and using them as one's own. The most common form of plagiarism is the incorporation of whole sentences and paragraphs from published material into papers submitted as one's own work or purchasing term papers and/or related materials and submitting them as one's own work. The forms of plagiarism are many and varied, and it is not the intent of this policy statement, therefore, to give a complete catalog. Plagiarism is rarely the result of confusion or misunderstanding. If one conscientiously acknowledges the sources of one's ideas and citations, plagiarism is effectively avoided. In cases of doubt, students should consult their instructors.