



ACADEMIC INTEGRITY FOR STUDENTS

So, What Is Academic Integrity?

it is the "moral code or ethical policy of academia."

And What Is an Academic Integrity Policy?

The policy that defines acceptable behaviours and what happens when violations occur

- Wikipedia, 2020

Acceptable Behaviours:



Give Credit Where Credit Is Due

- citations
- quotations
- references

Be Honest About What You Know

- and What You Don't Know

- put in the work
- Listen to classmates, colleagues and teachers



expect that their experience and knowledge is likely greater than your own



Work in Groups Inclusively & Honestly

- collaborate on knowledge creation
- recognize each person's contribution in writing
- give space for each person to speak their ideas

Do Your Own Work

- submit your own assignments
- complete exams on one's own



Unacceptable Behaviours:



Cheating — During Exams

- using unauthorized formula sheets
- Like on paper, on clothing, on skin, etc
- unauthorized Googling of answers
- looking at someone else's paper
- stealing their knowledge/ copying from other students

Stealing Group Work

- involving unauthorized knowledge keepers
 - Such as elders, librarians, family members, etc
- retaining unauthorized assistance like:
 - contract cheating (paying a company - online) for answers;
 - retaining editors, etc



Plagiarizing

- missing citations, quote, references
- submitting other's work as one's own

Falsifying Information

- lying about qualifications
- Lying about practical knowledge



Inappropriate Collaborations

These lists are by no means complete!

Why Worry About It?

After all, cheating only hurts the cheater; someone who cheats won't acquire the knowledge and won't be successful in life; because they won't learn.

Violations Impact Everyone

- degrades the perceived value of credentials (diploma, degree, certificate, etc)
- degrades the educational reputation of the institution or organization
- erodes trust of faculty in students
- erodes trust of students in their classmates
- erodes trust of industry in graduates - even past graduates!

Note: every institution develops their own policy on academic integrity in order to set expectations of behaviour, to create a common language by defining the terms in use, and to present the process followed and potential consequences that may occur if a student violates the principles of academic integrity.

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