

## **Academic Dishonesty**

Academic misbehavior means any activity that tends to compromise the academic integrity of the institution or subvert the education process. All forms of academic misbehavior are prohibited at Wayne State University, as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

Students are expected to be honest and forthright in their academic studies. Students who commit or assist in committing dishonest acts are subject to downgrading and/or additional sanctions as described in the Student Code of Conduct. Faculty and students are responsible for knowing the different forms of academic dishonesty as well as for being aware of the Student Code of Conduct.

It is important that each of us share the responsibility for maintaining a reputable University committed to academic excellence. Faculty should encourage academic honesty among students by including a statement in the course syllabus and by discussing issues such as cheating and plagiarism. Similarly, students should protect themselves by thoroughly studying and preparing for tests and assignments and by discouraging dishonesty among other students.

### **Cheating**

Intentionally using or attempting to use, or intentionally providing or attempting to provide, unauthorized materials, information or assistance in any academic exercise.

*Examples:*

- Copying from another student's test paper.
- Allowing another student to copy from a test paper.
- Using unauthorized material such as a "cheat sheet" during an exam.

### **Fabrication**

Intentional and unauthorized falsification of any information or citation.

*Examples:*

- Citation of information not taken from the source indicated.
- Listing sources in a bibliography not used in a research paper.

### **Plagiarism**

To take and use another's words or ideas as one's own.

*Examples:*

- Failure to use appropriate referencing when using the words or ideas of other persons.
- Altering the language, paraphrasing, omitting, rearranging, or forming new combinations of words in an attempt to make the thoughts of another appear as your own.

### **Other**

Other forms of academic misbehavior include, but are not limited to, the following acts:

- Unauthorized use of resources, or any attempt to limit another student's access to educational resources, or any attempt to alter equipment so as to lead to an incorrect answer for subsequent users. Enlisting the assistance of a substitute in the taking of examinations;
- Violating course rules as defined in the course syllabus or other written information provided to the student;
- Selling, buying or stealing all or part of an un-administered test or answers to the test. Changing or altering a grade on a test or other academic grade records.

NOTE: The information contained on this page has been edited from the Student Code of Conduct and written in a condensed format. Anyone with specific questions regarding academic misbehavior should consult the source document at <http://www.doso.wayne.edu/codeofconduct.pdf>. If the provisions described on this page differ in any way from the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, then the provisions of the Code shall prevail.