Code of Academic Integrity

Sanction for a violation of the Code of Academic Integrity is the sole authority of the course instructor. Should the instructor determine that the student has committed academic dishonesty the student will meet with the Dean of the College, or Designee, and the instructor to determine the appropriate course of action. Cases may then be referred to the Office of Student Conduct at the discretion of the academic unit. If the student is dismissed from the course, the student faces immediate dismissal from the program. In this event, the parent/guardian will be contacted.

Program dismissal is the sole authority of the Associate Director of Programs and the Director of Programs, Office of Extended Studies, and the Associate Vice President for Records, Registration, and Extended Studies.

The University is an academic community. Its fundamental purpose is the pursuit of knowledge. Like all other communities, the University can function properly only if its members adhere to clearly established goals and values. Essential to the fundamental purpose of the University is the commitment to the principles of truth and academic honesty. Accordingly, the Code of Academic Integrity is designed to ensure that the principle of academic honesty is upheld. While all members of the University share this responsibility, the Code of Academic Integrity is designed so that special responsibility for upholding the principle of academic honesty lies with the students.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: Any of the following acts, when committed by a student, shall constitute academic dishonesty:

(a) CHEATING: fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in any academic course or exercise in an attempt to gain an unfair advantage and/or intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic course or exercise.
(b) FABRICATION: intentional and unauthorized falsification or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise.
(c) FACILITATING ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: intentionally or knowingly helping or attempting to help another to violate any provision of this Code.
(d) PLAGIARISM: intentionally or knowingly representing the words or ideas of another as one’s own in any academic exercise.

HONOR PLEDGE: The following pledge applies to each course-related examination, paper or other academic exercise that is not specifically exempted by the instructor:

I pledge on my honor that I have not given or received any unauthorized assistance on this assignment/examination.

On examinations, no assistance is authorized unless given by or expressly allowed by the instructor. On other assignments, the pledge means that the assignment has been done without academic dishonesty, as defined above.