Academic and Behavioral Integrity at the University of Florida

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Today’s Discussion Topics

- Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution
- Academic Integrity – WHY?
- Honor Code
- Conduct Code
- Outcomes/Sanctions
- Resources to Help

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Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution
Student Conduct & Conflict Resolution

- Student Conduct Code & Student Honor Code
- Student Conduct Committee, Health Science Center
- Student Conduct Committee, Greek Conduct Committee
- Mediation and other conflict resolution services
- Dean of Students Office

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Student Conduct Process

- Student Conduct Code & Student Honor Code
- NOT a legal process
- Educational process
- Repair of harm & opportunity to be heard

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The standard of proof used in hearings at the University of Florida is “Preponderance of the Evidence”.

With this standard, committee members/hearing officer must be reasonably certain based on the evidence that the accused is responsible....“more likely than not”
Student Conduct Code & Student Honor Code

- The standard of behavior and conduct expectations for all currently enrolled UF students

- The Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code define violations, outline conduct standards and procedures, and prescribe sanctions for violations.


Academic Integrity
Academic Integrity Discussion

- Why is it important?
- Who is impacted?
- Integrity in your profession
Who is impacted by Honor Code Violations?

- Alumni
- Fellow students
- Faculty
- Future Students
- Community Partners
- Internship Sites
- Families

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Honor Code
The Honor Pledge:

“We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code.”

On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied:

"On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment."
POP QUIZ!

What are some of the more common Student Honor Code violations?
Student Honor Code

• Plagiarism
• Prohibited Use of Materials or Resources (Cheating)
• Prohibited Collaboration or Consultation
• Use of Fabricated or Falsified Information
• Unauthorized Taking or Receipt of Materials or Resources to Gain an Academic Advantage
• Unauthorized Recordings
• Submission of Paper or Academic Work Purchased or Obtained from an Outside Source
• Conspiracy to Commit Academic Dishonesty

For complete definitions, please review the Student Honor Code at: www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr
**Plagiarism.** A student shall not represent as the student's own work all or any portion of the work of another. Plagiarism includes but is not limited to:

- 1. Quoting oral or written materials including but not limited to those found on the internet, whether published or unpublished, without proper attribution.

- 2. Submitting a document or assignment which in whole or in part is identical or substantially identical to a document or assignment not authored by the student.
Intentional vs. Unintentional Plagiarism

Many faculty members distinguish between the two as far as sanctions are concerned, but the Honor Code does **NOT**

- **Unintentional Plagiarism** is typically a skill-based issue
  - Attempting to cite, but doing so inaccurately
  - Forgetting the second set of quotation marks on a quotation

- **Intentional Plagiarism** typically involves forethought and planning
  - Copying and pasting
  - Changing words in a sentence/paragraph without changing the sentence structure or providing a source
  - Utilizing a paper from another student and only changing the title page
Unauthorized Use of Materials or Resources

(b) Unauthorized Use of Materials or Resources (“Cheating”). A student shall not use unauthorized materials or resources in an academic activity. Unauthorized materials or resources shall include:

1. Any paper or project authored by the student and presented by the student for the satisfaction of any academic requirement if the student previously submitted or simultaneously submits substantially the same paper or project to satisfy another academic requirement and did not receive express authorization to resubmit or simultaneously submit the paper or project.

2. Any materials or resources prepared by another student and used without the other student’s express consent or without proper attribution to the other student.

3. Any materials or resources which the faculty member has notified the student or the class are prohibited.

4. Use of a cheat sheet when not authorized to do so or use of any other resources or materials during an examination, quiz, or other academic activity without the express permission of the faculty member, whether access to such resource or materials is through a cell phone, PDA, other electronic device, or any other means.
(c) Prohibited Collaboration or Consultation. A student shall not collaborate or consult with another person on any academic activity unless the student has the express authorization from the faculty member.

1. Prohibited collaboration or consultation shall include but is not limited to:

   a. Collaborating when not authorized to do so on an examination, take-home test, writing project, assignment, or course work.

   b. Collaborating or consulting in any other academic or co-curricular activity after receiving notice that such conduct is prohibited.

   c. Looking at another student’s examination or quiz during the time an examination or quiz is given. Communication by any means during that time, including but not limited to communication through text messaging, telephone, e-mail, other writing or verbally, is prohibited unless expressly authorized.
2. It is the responsibility of the student to seek clarification on whether or not use of materials or collaboration or consultation with another person is authorized prior to engaging in any act of such use, collaboration or consultation. If a faculty member has authorized a student to use materials or to collaborate or consult with another person in limited circumstances, the student shall not exceed that authority. If the student wishes to use any materials or collaborate or consult with another person in circumstances to which the authority does not plainly extend, the student shall first ascertain with the faculty member whether the use of materials, collaboration or consultation is authorized.
Audience Participation
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Yes. Any time a student uses resources to complete an academic assignment, the student is required to cite his/her sources.
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No. However, this would be considered unauthorized use of materials or resources and potentially fabricated or falsified information if the student cites the article and not the film in completing the written assignment.
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Maybe. It would depend on whether or not the students wrote one paper together or if one copied from the other.

Could certainly be considered Cheating because it was supposed to be an individual assignment.
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Yes. Any information that is presented that is not original work of the student must be cited.
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Yes. It is also use of fabricated or falsified information.
According to the Student Honor Code, which of the following actions is considered cheating?

a. Submitting the same paper for two different courses
b. Submitting a forged doctor's note to excuse class absences
c. Talking to your neighbor during an exam
d. All of the above
Test Your Knowledge #7

According to the Student Honor Code, which of the following actions is considered false or fabricated information?

a. Submitting a doctor's note to excuse class absences for dates when you did not visit the doctor or have excused by the doctor.
b. Adding additional survey responses to your research data, which were not part of your research.
c. Including an interview with an individual that you did not conduct.
d. All of the above
True or False: If I know that I am going to be absent from a class lecture, I can ask my friend to record the lecture for me, as long as I ask the professor for permission first.
True
False

True
True or False: Faculty may use resources like TurnItIn.com to check the academic integrity of my work.

True

False
According to the Student Honor Code, which of the following materials can be considered plagiarized, if cited incorrectly or not cited at all?

a. Unpublished work
b. Oral data/materials
c. Information on Wikipedia
d. Material that has been copied directly from a journal article
e. All of the above

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POP QUIZ!

What are some of the more common Student Conduct Code violations?
Student Conduct Code – Common Violations

- Alcohol
- Drugs
- DUI
- Parking Related
- Harassment / Stalking
- Hazing
- Peer-to-Peer File Sharing
- Sexual Misconduct
- Physical Harm or Threatening Behavior including domestic and dating violence

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Sexual Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence and Stalking

- Encourage reporting – Confidential reporting to Victim Advocates, Student Health Care Center and Counseling and Wellness Center, for action – law enforcement, SCCR, HR, Title IX coordinator, RA, Students affairs staff generally.
- Consent – has to be given freely. If someone is being coerced, or is incapacitated or impaired due to alcohol or drugs (or age or other impairment) they cannot consent to sexual activity.
- UF will provide appropriate remedies to those who experience any of these behaviors if a hostile environment has been created. A hostile environment is created when due to the activity others are unable reasonably to conduct or participate in work, education, research, living or other activities. If you don’t report, we can’t provide this kind of support.
- Those who engage in these behaviors will face significant consequences including possible suspension/expulsion from the institution.

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Sanctions
Student Conduct Process - Sanctions

- **Status Sanctions**
  - Reprimand
  - Conduct Probation with or without loss of privileges
  - Deferred Suspension
  - Suspension
  - Expulsion

- **Educational Sanctions**
  - Seminars
  - Workshops
  - Reflection Paper
  - Community Service

- **Other Sanctions**
  - No Contact Order
  - Loss of Privileges
  - Residence Hall Transfer or Removal
  - Restitution
  - Assignment Grade Penalty and/or Course Grade Penalty (Honor Code violations only)
  - Loss of Football tickets
  - A recommendation can also be made to uphold the original sanctions suggested by the professor

*Student Conduct Record*

*Loss of Trust*
Determining Appropriate Sanctions

- Considerations when Determining Sanctions:
  - Intentionality
  - Harm to Others
  - Weight of the Assignment/Examination in the Course
  - Whether or not You Can Assess the Student has Met the Course Objectives
  - Course and Departmental Policies
  - Student’s Academic Standing
  - Others?
Resources
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- Why Citing is Important
  http://library.tamu.edu/portal/site/Library/menuitem.9df7929e030c162ebd078f3019008a0c/?vgnextoid=7a91f419e4191010VgnVCM1000007800a8c0RCRD

- Various Styles of Citation - http://wally.rit.edu/pubs/guides/cite.html

- How To Cite Sources Via Internet Site 1 -
  http://www.rockingham.k12.va.us/RCPS_cyberstart/Source_Citations.html

- How To Cite Sources Via Internet Site 2 -
  http://www.tnte.com/mmc/ClassroomCCitations.html#World%20Wide%20Web%20

- APA Style Citing Site 1 - http://library.osu.edu/sites/guides/apagd.html

- APA Style Citing Site 2 - http://www.lib.usm.edu/~instruct/guides/apa.html


- MLA Style Citing Site 2 - http://ollie.dcccd.edu/library/Module4/M4-V/examples.htm
Resources

- Plagiarism Is [http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml](http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.shtml)

- Avoiding Plagiarism Site 1
  [http://highered.mcgrawhill.com/sites/0767421523/student_view0/plagiarism.html](http://highered.mcgrawhill.com/sites/0767421523/student_view0/plagiarism.html)

- Avoiding Plagiarism Site 2

- Great resource for Students on plagiarism, including writing smart and academically honest papers

- Practical tips for Students on how to prevent plagiarism
  [http://www.turnitin.com/research_site/e_home.html](http://www.turnitin.com/research_site/e_home.html)

- Student Plagiarism Page [http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/msl/subjects/Physics/StudentPlagiarism.html](http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/msl/subjects/Physics/StudentPlagiarism.html)

- UF Engineering Plagiarism Guide
  [http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/msl/07b/students.html](http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/msl/07b/students.html)
- The Institute for Global Ethics  

- The Center for Academic Integrity  

- Student Honor Code - University of Florida Regulations  
  [http://regulations.ufl.edu/chapter4/4017.pdf](http://regulations.ufl.edu/chapter4/4017.pdf)

- UF Citing Sources & Avoiding Plagiarism Video  
Thank You!

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