Academic Integrity
Possible Violations

• Cheating
• Facilitating Academic Dishonesty
• Falsification
• Misuse of Academic Resources
• Plagiarism
• Unauthorized Behaviors
Cheating

• Using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise.

• Misrepresenting the source, nature, or other conditions of academic work, or to cooperate with someone else in such misrepresentation.

• Cheating may occur on an examination, test, quiz, laboratory work report, theme, out of class assignment or any other work submitted by a student to fulfill course requirements and presented as solely the work of the student.
Facilitating Academic Dishonesty

• Helping or attempting to help another to commit an act of academic dishonesty.

• Example – giving your friend answers to the quiz
Falsification

• Inventing, altering, or falsifying any data, information or citation in an academic exercise.

• Example – making up a fake citation to meet the requirements of the assignment
Misuse of Academic Resources

- The use, misuse or alterations of University materials or resources so as to make them inaccessible to other users.

- Example - not returning a laptop to the library by the deadline
Plagiarism

• Representing the words, thoughts, or ideas of another, as one’s own in any academic exercise. Plagiarism may occur on any paper, report, or other work submitted to fulfill course requirements.

• On Assignments
  • List EVERY source in bibliography/works cited page
  • If using another’s words, thoughts, or ideas, you must list it within the paper
  • Understand and apply the rule of citation
Unauthorized Behaviors

• Instructors may communicate to their students additional behaviors that constitute a violation of the Academic Integrity Policy in their course.

• Example – in one course, your professor may not allow electronic devices to be out during an exam while another professor in a different class may say that it is okay to have them out
Causes of Academic Misconduct

• Lack of preparation
• Students do not understand what plagiarism is or how to cite properly
• Not understanding the instructor’s expectations
• Time management issues
• Personal issues
• A sense of being overwhelmed
• A feeling of desperation
What Information Should I Cite?

• Cite any direct quotation from another author's work

• Cite any idea that originated with someone else that you have paraphrased in your paper

• Cite any source that you refer to in the course of your paper, even if you do not quote from it or paraphrase its content
Citation Styles

• Typically your professor will require a specific citation style, usually based on the subject of the class

• **MLA** is usually used in the Humanities
• **APA** is usually used in the Social and Life Sciences
• **Chicago Style** is usually used in History
Academic Integrity Policy

• The policy is available online at Student Policy Handbook: Academic Integrity.

• Be sure to review the policy so you know what is expected of you before you begin your journey at UNCG.
Possible Consequences for Academic Dishonesty

• Violating the academic integrity policy is not something that is taken lightly

• Examples of such repercussions are:
  • “F” in the course
  • “0” on the assignment
  • Dismissal from academic program
  • Suspension or expulsion (mandatory for second violation)
  • Revocation of degree
  • You cannot drop or withdraw from the class
  • You cannot grade replace the course

• Faculty have complete discretion in assigning any grade-related sanction
Ways to Avoid Violations

• Start early! Don’t procrastinate!

• Ask for help (UNCG Library, Professor, UNCG Writing Center)

• Take good notes while you read and paraphrase (you still need to cite your sources, though!)

• Read the course syllabus

• Avoid taking additional materials to exams unless required by your instructors

• Protect your work from the wandering eyes of others
Ways to Avoid Violations

• Make sure you understand the specific standards for an assignment or class

• Don’t ask your friends for homework or unauthorized assistance

• Ask the instructors about expectations regarding citation style and working with other students

• Seek out resources if you are unsure how to cite properly
Academic Integrity Resources

• UNCG Library
  • library.uncg.edu

• UNCG Writing Center
  • writingcenter.uncg.edu

• Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities
  • osrr.uncg.edu

• UNCG Academic Integrity Policy
  • academicintegrity.uncg.edu
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