

Academic Integrity: Issues for Graduate Students

| Academic Standards in the University | As a Teacher |
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| <p>All graduate students have a responsibility to understand and to uphold the standards of the academic community. Without a commitment from all members of the community to work honestly and fairly, intellectual inquiry will suffer. A high standard of honesty and integrity is expected of you – as a student, as a researcher, and as a teacher.</p> <p>Because academic integrity is such a basic element in the scholarly enterprise, it is useful to review the expectations of the institution and your colleagues in relation to your academic work and your teaching responsibilities. It is the responsibility of every student to understand these standards thoroughly and to act in accordance with them.</p> <p>This brochure outlines the expectations the university has for its graduate students. In addition, most disciplines have a code of conduct by which their members are expected to abide. Graduate students are expected to be aware of the university’s code and of their discipline’s ethical code and act accordingly. Failure to comply with these codes is grounds for dismissal from a graduate program.</p> | <p>All teachers have a responsibility to their students to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have or acquire the knowledge to teach the assigned course and the teaching skills to facilitate learning; Inform students of their expectations and requirements at the beginning of the semester; Evaluate student performance in a fair and timely manner; Treat all students fairly; Avoid sexual relationships with students; Insure that while their teaching may be informed by their personal belief, it should not be controlled by them; Keep all information about students confidential; inform others only on a need-to-know basis. |
| As a Student | As a researcher |
| <p>All work submitted in a graduate course must be your own.</p> <p>It is unethical and a violation of the University’s Academic Integrity Policy to present the ideas or words of another without clearly and fully identifying the source. Inadequate citations will be construed as an attempt to misrepresent the cited material as your own. Use the citation style preferred by the discipline.</p> <p>Students may never:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quote or paraphrase another without complete citation; Cite a source that has been identified through a secondary source but has not been consulted; Collaborate with others on assignments or exams without the explicit permission of the teacher; Use materials during an exam that have not been sanctioned by the person giving the course; Look at or copy the work of another student during an exam; Submit the work completed in one class to fulfill an assignment in another without the consent of the faculty member. | <p>Data must be accurate and complete. Appropriate credit should be given to all who contributed to the project.</p> <p>The following actions would in most cases constitute a violation of the researcher’s ethical code:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Falsify/fabricate data or results; Selectively withhold data that contradicts your research; Misuse the data of others; Present data in a sloppy or deceptive manner; Fail to maintain accurate laboratory notebooks; Fail to credit authors appropriately. <i>All</i> contributors should be acknowledged; Sabotage/appropriate the research of another; Misuse research funds or university resources for personal use; Develop inappropriate research/industry relationships for personal gain; Fail to comply with Federal Guidelines for the treatment of human or animal subjects. |