

What is Academic Fraud?

The opposite of academic integrity is academic fraud. Academic fraud includes negative activities such as plagiarism, copying or cheating.

A student commits academic fraud when they:

- Falsify, copy, share or fabricate research
- Use words, thoughts or ideas that are not their own
- Copy homework or assignments from another student
- Cheat on an examination

What is Plagiarism?

The word plagiarism comes from the Latin *plagiare* “to kidnap.” It is the practice of using someone else’s work without offering proper credit to them, pretending to have written something original when it is only copying. While the Internet is a rich source of information that seems to beg to be copied and pasted, search engines make plagiarism relatively easy to detect.

Plagiarism is copying or using ideas, words or images from another person, an online classmate, an Internet source or print source and presenting them as your own.

Some examples of plagiarism include:

- Turning in another student's work with or without that student's knowledge
- Copying a paper from a source, online or paper, without proper acknowledgment
- Copying materials from a source text, supplying proper documentation, but leaving out quotation marks
- Paraphrasing materials from a source text without appropriate documentation.
- Submitting a paper from a "free term paper" website, research service or term paper mill

Possible Consequences For Academic Fraud

Consequences for students caught committing academic fraud can range from:

- A grade of zero (0) will be assigned for the assignment in question, with no opportunity to make up that work in any way, including extra credit work.
- Depending on the severity of the situation the student may be dropped from the course and receive an F for a final grade.
- In severe and unusual situations the FVDES administration reserves the right to administer consequences beyond the identified range.

Please contact your teacher if you have any questions/concerns relating to plagiarism or academic fraud.