

Academic Integrity

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The University's goal is to foster an intellectual atmosphere that produces educated, literate people. Because cheating and plagiarism are at odds with that goal, those actions shall not be tolerated in any form. Students are expected to adhere to the rules and regulations as set forth in the *Student Code of Conduct*. Therefore, all work submitted by a student must represent that student's own ideas and effort; when the work does not, the student has engaged in academic dishonesty. Furthermore, the *Student Code of Conduct* states: "Academic dishonesty includes assisting a student to cheat, plagiarize, or commit any act of academic dishonesty."

Plagiarism occurs when a person tries to represent another person's work as his or her own or borrows directly from another person's work without proper documentation. For example, academic dishonesty occurs whenever a student:

- buys a paper or other project, then seeks to receive credit for the paper or project
- copies from another student's exam, either before, during, or after the exam
- uses "crib notes" while taking an exam or uses information stored in a computer or calculator (if prohibited from doing so)
- allows another person to take an exam in his or her place or takes an exam for another person
- collaborates on take-home exams when such collaboration is forbidden
- copies the work of another person and attempts to receive credit for that work
- fails to properly document source material in a paper or project
- receives editorial assistance that falls outside the scope of acceptable assistance

Note: The list above is intended only to provide general guidelines for recognizing and avoiding common types of academic dishonesty. It is in no way an exhaustive or comprehensive list of all the types of academic dishonesty.

Except in cases of major offenses, responding to academic dishonesty is the responsibility of the instructor of the course in which the dishonesty occurs. If a student engages in academic dishonesty, the student may be dismissed from the class and may receive a failing grade. Other penalties may include suspension or expulsion from school.

For more information about academic dishonesty, see the following publications:

- *Boise State University Policy Manual:*
<http://policy.boisestate.edu>
- *Boise State University Student Handbook:*
<http://deanofstudents.boisestate.edu>
- *Boise State University Student Code of Conduct:*
<http://deanofstudents.boisestate.edu>

There are many forms of academic dishonesty. Some relevant examples include:

- Using or providing any unauthorized assistance in class assignments, standardized tests, credential tests, and professional licensing tests.
- Unauthorized copying of class assignments – such as examinations – before, during, or after the assignment, either for your own use or for the use of others.
- Having someone else complete a class assignment in your place.
- Completing a class assignment for someone else.
- Collaborating on an assignment unless it has been explicitly permitted by the faculty member.
- Depending on or providing the aid of sources not authorized by the faculty member in preparing for exams, writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems, or carrying out other assignments;
- Acquiring, without permission, any assignment or other academic material belonging to a member of the University faculty or staff.
- Creating, keeping, or using unauthorized collections of assignments.
- Turning in substantial portions of the same academic work to more than one course without the prior permission of the faculty members.
- Submitting programs, or parts of programs, written by someone else.
- Posting questions to, or receiving answers from, Internet forums.
- Viewing exam answers, homework answers, or programs written by someone else. This includes material from other courses and previous semesters.
- Distributing exam answers, homework answers, or programs to someone else, even after it has been graded.

The publications cited above contain more examples. If you are unsure about a particular case, ask your instructor.

On homework, a student must work independently. Ideas and general principles can be discussed with other students, but work must be original.

Keep your files private. See the Unix commands `chmod go-rwx` and `ls -l`.

On exams, of course, each student must work entirely independently.