

Plagiarism Contract

Plagiarism can be defined as submitting another person's ideas, words, images, or data without giving that person credit or proper acknowledgement. Plagiarism, a form of academic dishonesty, is equivalent to stealing and will not be tolerated. In order to clarify what constitutes plagiarism, the following are examples of plagiarism:

Examples (not limited to):

1. A paper or assignment that was actually written in **part** or in **whole** by another person/source. (Giving another person consent to present one's own work as his or her own is considered plagiarism. In this case, both parties are guilty).
2. A paper or assignment copied word for word (**or with minor changes**) from a source without proper citation.
3. A paper or assignment that contains **paraphrased or summarized** information without identifying where the information came from. (Taking someone else's ideas, judgments or logic, even if a student puts them in his or her own words, without proper acknowledgement is plagiarizing.)
4. A paper written for another class (academic dishonesty); Please check with the instructor before reusing assignments/papers.

Consequences for plagiarizing will include one, or more, of the following:

1. A zero for the assignment/paper that was plagiarized.
2. An "F" for the course, regardless of your current grade.
3. Written notification of the plagiarizing incident to the Academic Office. This notification will be included in the student's file/record.
4. Suspension from the college.
5. Expulsion from the college.

These consequences will be determined based on the number of offenses attempted, not just in this class.

The most common excuse given for plagiarizing is "I didn't know I was plagiarizing." By signing this document the undersigned verifies that **he or she now know what plagiarism is and were made aware of the consequences for making that choice.**

Students will email their acceptance and understanding of this policy to the instructor.