

# ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

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Academic integrity is essential to the success of the educational enterprise, and breaches of academic integrity constitute serious offenses against the academic community. Every member of that community bears a responsibility for ensuring that the highest standards of academic integrity are upheld. Only through a genuine partnership among students, faculty, staff, and administrators will the College be able to maintain the necessary commitment to academic integrity.

Students are responsible for understanding the principles of academic integrity fully and abiding by them in all their work at the College. Students are encouraged to report alleged violations of academic integrity to Ethics Point by calling **1-844-337-3613** or submit a report online: [pcom.ethicspoint.com](http://pcom.ethicspoint.com).

Various ways in which academic integrity can be violated are described below. The comments and examples within each section provide explanations and illustrative material, but do not exhaust the scope of possible violations.

1. **Academic Sabotage:** deliberately impeding the academic progress of others.
2. **Cheating:** the use or possession of inappropriate or prohibited materials, information, sources, or aids in any academic exercise. Cheating also includes submitting papers, research results or reports, analyses, and other textual or visual material and media as one's own work when others prepared them.
3. **Fabrication:** the invention or falsification of sources, citations, data, or results, and recording or reporting them in any academic exercise.
4. **Facilitation of Dishonesty** - deliberately or carelessly allowing one's work to be used by other students without prior approval of the instructor or otherwise aiding others in committing violations of academic integrity.
5. **Plagiarism:** the use of another person's words, ideas, images, or results, no matter the form or media, without giving that person appropriate credit.
6. **Violations Involving Potentially Criminal Activity** - Violations in this category include theft, fraud, forgery, or distribution of illicitly obtained materials committed as part of an act of academic dishonesty.

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