

Academic Integrity in the Digital Age

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Objectives

Identify Resources, both for the faculty and student, that promote academic integrity

Identify ways of discovering cheating and how to address the offense

Identify ways of preventing cheating as it applies to both the face-to-face classroom and the online “classroom”

What is Academic Integrity?

Moral code of ethical policy of Academia

The documented history of an academic honor code dates back to 1736 at The College of William and Mary and is the oldest honor code in the United States. Still an tradition, students administer the honor pledge to each incoming student and educate faculty and administration on the relevance of the Code and its application to students' lives at the College.

An academic honor code or honor system is a set of rules or ethical principles governing an academic community based on ideals that define what constitutes honorable behavior within that community. The use of an honor code depends on the notion that people (at least within the community) can be trusted to act honorably. Those who are in violation of the honor code can be subject to various sanctions, including expulsion from the institution. Honor codes are used to deter academic dishonesty and should be taken seriously at all times. ¹

Modern Day Academic Integrity

Don McCabe, who is considered to be the "grandfather of academic integrity". ¹

This includes values such as:

- avoidance of cheating or plagiarism;
- maintenance of academic standards;
- honesty and rigor in research and academic publication.

Digital age



Why do Students Cheat?

Ignorance is not bliss

Thoughts?

A+

Use your
own ideas



Produce
honest work



Earn your
qualification.



Know the rules.

How do students cheat?

Face to Face classes

- Cheat sheets
- Plagiarism
- Cell Phones
- Book bags

Online courses

- Internet
 - Content
 - Multiple browsers
 - Multiple ways to access
 - Cell phones
 - Tablets
 - Computers

Group work mentality



How do we prevent cheating?

- Syllabus-
 - Academic Integrity Statement: Mount Aloysius College is committed to the academic integrity of the entire community. All share responsibility for maintaining high standards of academic integrity, and no forms of academic dishonesty are tolerated. Forms of academic dishonesty include but are not restricted to: giving or receiving unauthorized assistance on an examination, project, or assignment; using unauthorized forms of assistance such as crib notes or cell phones on an examination; falsification of data or plagiarism (using another person's ideas or words as your own); and lying or falsifying reasons for missing examinations or class. A student found guilty of lying, cheating, or plagiarism, depending on the nature of the offense and the history of the student, is usually subject to one or both of the following: a grade of zero on the assignment, project, or examination or a grade of F in the course. All cases of lying, cheating, or plagiarism where a punishment is incurred are reported to the Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs, who maintains a record of all offenses. Serial offenders may be subject to suspension or dismissal. ⁵
- Policy and Procedure Manual-

How do we prevent cheating more effectively?

Surgical Conscience

"Student, you do not study to pass the test. You study to prepare for the day when you are the only thing between a patient and the grave."

- Mark Reid

Plagiarism

1710 England passes first copyright law

1790 Congress passes first US copyright law

1890s Plagiarism is commonplace at many colleges and universities

1964 30% of college students polled by Rutgers' Don McCabe admit to plagiarizing at least once

1971 George Harrison is sued for plagiarizing and ordered to pay \$587,000

1987 Joseph Biden Jr. abandons his presidential bid after reports catch him plagiarizing speeches from other politicians

1989 University of Georgia researcher, Fred Schab, finds that 79% of high school students have copied materials "word for word" out of a book without attributing it

1997 Boston University sues to prohibit term-paper mills from operating via the internet. Suit dismissed, did not violate federal racketeering laws

2001 McCabe finds 52% of high-school juniors admitted to copying "a few sentences from a Website without footnoting them." 16% said they had "obtained in large part from a term-paper mill of website

Plagiarism



Education, education, education

- Plagiarism
 - Students lack of understanding
 - Purdue Online Writing Lab (Purdue Owl)
 - Both for the Instructor and student
 - The Online Writing Lab (OWL) at Purdue University houses writing resources and instructional material, and we provide these as a free service of the Writing Lab at Purdue. Students, members of the community, and users worldwide will find information to assist with many writing projects. Teachers and trainers may use this material for in-class and out-of-class instruction. ¹¹

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/3/>

When to cite exercise

Pre-Test

Here are some actions that you might do when writing a piece of work. Tick **Yes** or **No** depending on whether or not you would need to provide a reference.

Action	Reference	Required?
	Yes	No
Copy text from another source		
Include a table of data or a diagram from another source		
Mention a fact which is commonly known		
Discuss the ideas or research of another person in your own words		
Write about something you know you've read about somewhere but you can't remember where		
Write about your own opinions on a topic		
Paraphrase the ideas from two separate sources linking them together using your own words		
Present the results of your own experiment or survey		
Include comments from an interview with your friend		
Include several paragraphs from a paper that you submitted for another course last year		

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- Mark up



Revolutionizing the Experience
of Writing to Learn

How do we prevent cheating in Online course work?

Challenges:

- Disconnect
- Self directed
 - Lack of faculty supervision.
- Identity



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Respondus LockDown Browser ⁹

<http://www.respondus.com/products/lockdown-browser/>

- Advantages:
 - Lock down
 - Monitoring
 - 2 month free trial



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How do you prevent cheating?

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