Syllabus Language for Academic Integrity
2022-2023 Academic Year

Academic Integrity is the cornerstone value of the intellectual community at East Carolina University. Academic Integrity is required for all students to derive optimal benefits from their educational experience and their pursuit of knowledge. Violating the principle of academic integrity damages the reputation of the university and undermines its educational mission.

ECU students are responsible for promoting Academic Integrity within the ECU community by upholding integrity in their own work and by reporting any suspected violation. A student knowing of circumstances in which an Academic Integrity Violation (AIV) may have occurred (or is likely will occur) should bring this knowledge to the attention of a faculty member or OSRR.

An Academic Integrity violation is defined as any activity that exhibits dishonesty in the educational process or that compromises the academic honor of the university. Examples include, but are not limited to the following:

Cheating: Unauthorized aid or assistance or the giving or receiving of unfair advantage on any form of academic work.

Plagiarism: Copying the language, structure, ideas, and/or thoughts of another and adopting the same as one's own original work.

Falsification/Fabrication: The statement of any untruth, either spoken or written, regarding any circumstances related to academic work. This includes any untrue statements made with regard to a suspected Academic Integrity Violation.

Multiple Submission: The submission of substantial portions of the same academic work for credit more than once without authorization from the faculty member who receives the later submission.

Violation Assistance: Knowingly helping or attempting to help someone else in an act that constitutes an Academic Integrity Violation.

Violation Attempts: Attempting any act that, if completed, would constitute an Academic Integrity Violation as defined herein.

If a faculty believes there is a violation of the Academic Integrity Policy, they will follow the process found at https://osrr.ecu.edu/. Additional information regarding the policy may be found in the faculty manual at http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/fsonline/customcf/currentfacultymanual/part6section2.pdf. If the student does not respond to the faculty member then the faculty member can move forward in the student's absence.

The faculty member will meet with the student to discuss the case. If the student agrees to the outcome of the initial meeting, the student will sign a waiver and the information will be submitted to OSRR.

If the student disagrees with the faculty member during the meeting, the student, faculty member and department chair or designee will meet for a formal departmental meeting. After the meeting, the department chair or designee will decide the outcome. The information will be submitted to OSRR.

Students have the right to appeal the decision and will receive additional information in their outcome letter. More information regarding the Academic Integrity process can be found here: https://osrr.ecu.edu/

Some cases will be referred directly to an Academic Integrity Board for review.

Outcomes for an Academic Integrity Violation can vary but range from an education conversation, redoing the assignment, deduct points from the assignment, grade reduction, a failing grade for the assignment and possibly a failing grade for the class. A failing grade for the class would result in an XF on the student's transcript.

The Faculty Manual can be found here: https://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/fsonline/customcf/currentfacultymanual/manual.pdf

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The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities

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ECU Academic Recourses

The Pirate Academic Success Center

https://pasc.ecu.edu/

The Writing Center

https://writing.ecu.edu/uwc/

ECU Libraries

https://info.ecu.edu/libraries/

Ask a librarian: https://lib.ecu.edu/ask

Library Tutorials: https://library.ecu.edu/help/tutorials/