Academic Integrity in your Classroom

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What is Academic Integrity?
S&T Values:

> Lifelong Success
> Creativity
> Integrity
  > *We hold ourselves accountable for our actions.* We strive to uphold the highest ethical standards, to conduct ourselves with trustworthiness and respect for all of humanity, and to instill in our campus community these same principles.
> Sustainability
> Partnerships
> Inclusion
We should strive to provide a learning environment that focuses on student success & academic integrity...

... instead of focusing on avoiding or fearing academic dishonesty.
The Fundamental Values of Academic Integrity
from the International Center for Academic Integrity

Honesty
- Be truthful
- Give credit & cite your own work
- Provide factual evidence

Fairness
- Apply rules and policies consistently
- Engage equitably
- Be open-minded & objective

Trust
- Clearly state expectations & follow through
- Be transparent & genuine with your students
- Encourage mutual understanding
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Respect
- Practice active listening & show empathy
- Receive feedback willingly
- Accept differences & give validity to others’ thoughts and ideas

Responsibility
- Hold yourself accountable
- Know and follow institutional rules and conduct codes
- Follow through with tasks and expectations

Courage
- Be brave when others might not
- Address a wrongdoing & support others doing the same
- Defend integrity
Types of Academic Misconduct

Cheating
Plagiarism
Sabotage
Cheating includes but is not limited to:

> Use of any unauthorized assistance ...

> Dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized ...

> Acquisition or possession without permission of tests or academic material ...

> Knowingly providing any unauthorized assistance ...

Collected Rules and Regulations, Chapter 200.010 – Standard of Conduct
Plagiarism includes but is not limited to:

> Use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another without fully crediting the author ...

> Unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person ...

> Unacknowledged use of original work/material produced through collaboration without release in writing by collaborators ...

Collected Rules and Regulations, Chapter 200.010 – Standard of Conduct
Scenarios & Excuses

> Common Scenarios
  – Copying someone else’s work
    > Passing around homework answers
    > Copying something published on the internet
  – Unethical use of the “file system”
    > “files” are collections of homework, quizzes, etc. from students who have taken the course previously
  – Copying someone else’s work
  – Bringing someone else’s clicker to class

> Common Excuses

  – “We worked on it together...”
  – “It’s just a small part...”
  – “I didn’t know...”
Who cheats and why?
Influence the middle 70%

15% of students will never cheat

70% of students will be impacted by the classroom setting that you (and the course coordinator/syllabus) create

15% of students will cheat frequently

- from The Honest Truth About Dishonesty by Dr. Dan Ariely
Why do students cheat?

> Ignorance or misunderstanding
> Lack of willpower due to stress or being overwhelmed
> Don’t see value in the course
> See this course as a roadblock or a weed-out course
> Perception of “everyone’s doing it”
### Reports of Academic Dishonesty at S&T

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<td><strong>Total Reported Cases</strong></td>
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How can you, as an instructor, influence Academic Integrity?
Lead by Example

- Foster learning
- Clarify expectations
- Motivate students
- Healthy collaboration
- Be transparent
- Encourage engagement
Foster an environment of learning

- Balance your teaching style around student success and learning, not perfection
- Incorporate questions about content and processes
  - Ask “explain why”
- Active and creative thought
Clarify your expectations, repeatedly

- Provide structure using well-communicated guidelines
- Be specific about rules
- Inform them that there are penalties for being academically dishonest
  - Either in the syllabi or during class
- Don’t assume students know
Motivate Students

- Show excitement in what you’re teaching
- Remind them why it’s important to be ethical in the field
- Explain why and how this topic and work is meaningful
- Connect course content to your industry
Encourage healthy collaboration

- Consider implementing group work during class
- Give students the opportunity to show what they know in the classroom
- Provide feedback opportunities for group projects
Be transparent about what is on the test

- Ensure assessments match what was taught (and vice versa)
- Give examples of tricky questions to build confidence
- Provide review opportunities
Encourage engagement

- Invite students to your office hours
- Show respect to student by congratulating improvement
- Consider midterm evals and be open to feedback
- Announce campus resources and opportunities
Academic Resources for your Students

> Office Hours!!!
> Student Success Center – 198 Toomey Hall
  > Tutoring
  > Mentoring
  > Guidance for:
    > time management & organization skills
    > goal setting & strength finding
    > study skills & resources
> LEAD & Physics Learning Center
> Writing Center & Library
> S&T Advising Center
What do you do if you suspect or know that someone is being academically dishonest?
Discuss with a trusted mentor

> It’s important to discuss “what-ifs” with your Course Coordinator, Instructor on Record, or Faculty Mentor
  > What if a student cheats?
  > What if a student asks for an extension on homework?
  > What if a student fails to turn in multiple assignments?

> Utilize their experience

Submit a Report

> https://academicsupport.mst.edu/academicintegrity

> It’s important to report cases of academic integrity violations because a student may have presented similar behavior in other classes
Allegation Process:

> Reporting:
  - Faculty members or instructors will report the information to the Office of Academic Affairs
  - They are responsible for the academic consequence (grade)

> Investigation:
  - Meet with accused individual
  - Collection of proof and any other documentation
  - Determination of fault according to CRR 200.020

> Sanctions:
  - First time offenses are usually educational emphasis
Where can you go for help?
Center for Advancing Faculty Excellence

> Teaching Resources
  - https://cafe.mst.edu/teaching/teachingresources/

> New and Early Career Faculty Development
  - https://cafe.mst.edu/facultydevelopment/

Trusted Mentors

> Instructor on Record
> Course Coordinator
> Your Advisor
> Faculty Mentor
Campus Resources to help enforce Academic Integrity

> Office of Academic Support
  – https://academicsupport.mst.edu/academicintegrity
  – academicsupport@mst.edu

> CRR 200.010 – Standard of Conduct

> CAFÉ – Center for Advancing Faculty Excellence
  – https://cafe.mst.edu
  – café@mst.edu

> Anyone you hear from today in the GTA Workshop
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Influence Academic Integrity:
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Fundamentals of Academic Integrity:
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• Fairness
• Trust
• Respect
• Responsibility
• Courage

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Resources:

> https://www.baylor.edu/honorcode/index.php?id=952634

> https://teaching.berkeley.edu/resources/course-design-guide/design-effec

> https://shared.uoit.ca/shared/department/academic-integrity/documents/10-principles-of-academic-integrity.pdf
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