Academic Honesty/Dishonesty

The faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences expect students to do their part in maintaining their own integrity as well as the academic integrity and reputation of their institution's degree. Students who seek to better their records in dishonest ways demean themselves and show a lack of moral regard for others. Thus, students should neither indulge in nor condone academic dishonesty. Instead, students should take full advantage of the opportunities offered in the University to ensure that their academic time here is well-spent, their experience productive, and their academic credentials valuable. Such students will be better prepared for future endeavors and are likely to meet with success in a world in which their own performance will be the main criterion for recognition and advancement.

The College of Arts and Sciences has issued the following policy statement on academic dishonesty:

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Among the aims of education are the acquisition of knowledge and the development of the critical thinking skills necessary for independent learning. Activities inconsistent with these aims will not be permitted.

IT IS THE STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW WHAT CONSTITUTES ACADEMIC DISHONESTY; IF STUDENTS ARE UNCLEAR, FOR EXAMPLE, ABOUT WHAT CONSTITUTES PLAGIARISM OR CHEATING THEY SHOULD SEEK THE ADVICE OF THEIR INSTRUCTOR.

Examples of academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Plagiarism; (see The University of Toledo Center for Teaching and Learning for details; http://writingcenter.utoledo.edu/plagiarism.htm)
- 2. Giving or receiving, prior to an examination, any unauthorized information concerning the content of that examination;
- 3. Referring to or displaying any unauthorized materials inside or outside of the examination room, during the course of an examination;
- 4. Communicating, during an examination, in any manner with any unauthorized person concerning the examination or any part of it;
- 5. Giving or receiving substantive aid during the course of an examination;
- 6. Commencing an examination before the stipulated time or continuing to work on an examination after the announced conclusion of the examination period;
- 7. Taking, converting, concealing, defacing, damaging, or destroying any property related to the preparation or completion of assignments, research or examination.

The penalty for academic dishonesty depends on the circumstances of the infraction but can be instant dismissal from the academic program. The college policy on academic dishonesty also applies to graduate students in their courses and during their research.