

# Academic Behavior Standards

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The University of Central Florida is committed to a policy of honesty in academic affairs. Examples of conduct for which students may be subject to academic and/or disciplinary penalties including expulsion are: Cheating: whereby non-permissible written, visual, or oral assistance including that obtained from another student is utilized on examinations, course assignments or projects. The unauthorized possession or use of examination or course related material may also constitute cheating.

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**Plagiarism:** whereby another's work is deliberately used or appropriated without any indication of the source, thereby attempting to convey the impression that such work is the student's own. Any student failing to properly credit ideas or materials taken from another has plagiarized.

**Unauthorized assistance:** communication to another through written, visual or oral means. The presentation of material which has not been studied or learned, but rather was obtained solely through someone else's efforts and used as part of an examination, course assignment or project. The unauthorized possession or use of examination or course related material may also constitute cheating.

**Commercial Use of Academic Material:** Selling notes, handouts, etc. without authorization or using them for any commercial purpose without the express written permission of the university and the Instructor is a violation of this rule.

NOTE: A student who has assisted another in any of the aforementioned breach of standards shall be considered equally culpable. In cases of cheating or plagiarism, the instructor may take appropriate academic action ranging from loss of credit for a specific assignment, examination, or project to removal from the course with a grade of "F." In addition, the instructor should refer the issue to the Honor Council (aka Student Professional Conduct Council (SPCC)), and may request disciplinary action through the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities as outlined in [Golden Rule](#).