

Academic Policies & Procedures
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Academic Integrity

Curry College is dedicated to providing an educational environment that encourages all students to learn, create and share knowledge responsibly and respectfully. Society entrusts our students to pursue knowledge honestly and to report their discoveries truthfully. Any deliberate falsehood or misrepresentation of academic pursuits undermines the stature and mission of the College.

By formulating a code of academic integrity, the College affirms the primacy of personal responsibility and accountability in students' pursuit, acquisition and creation of knowledge.

I. Academic Integrity

Because academic integrity is a cornerstone of the College's commitment to lifelong learning, all students - traditional undergraduates, Continuing Education, and Graduate - are required to uphold scholarly and professional standards of practice in research, writing, assessment, and ethics. In the academic community, the high value placed on truth implies a corresponding intolerance of scholastic dishonesty. Written or other work students submit must be the product of their own intellectual and/or creative efforts and must be consistent with appropriate professional standards and ethics. Academic dishonesty, which includes cheating, plagiarism and other forms of dishonest or unethical academic behavior, is strictly prohibited.

A breakdown of behaviors that constitute academic dishonesty is presented below. The definitions are meant to provide additional information and examples of these behaviors; they are not intended to be all-inclusive. Questions regarding this policy or requests for additional clarification can be directed to the Undergraduate Academic Policy Committee or the Graduate Curriculum and Policy Committee, as appropriate.

1. Academic dishonesty includes:

- a) Cheating** - is using or attempting to use any materials, information, notes, study aids or other forms of assistance —human, digital or otherwise—during in-class or take-home quizzes, examinations or assignments of any kind without the prior consent of the course's instructor.
- b) Plagiarism** - is intentionally or carelessly presenting the work, ideas, representations and/or words of another person as one's own, without proper attribution and citations in accordance with academic and discipline-specific standards. This would also include purchasing or using another person's work.

- c) Fabrication** - is the use of invented, counterfeited, altered or forged information in assignments of any type, without the prior consent of the instructor.
- d) Multiple Submission** - is the submission of the same or substantially the same work for credit in two or more courses, without the prior written approval by the instructor of the current course. Multiple submissions shall include the use of any prior academic effort previously submitted for academic credit at this or a different institution.
- e) Complicity** - is assisting or attempting to assist another person in any act of academic dishonesty.
- f) Misconduct in Research and Creative Endeavors** - is any deviation from the accepted professional and ethical practices within a discipline, or from the policies of the College, in carrying out, reporting, publishing or exhibiting the results of research. It includes the fabrication or falsification of data, plagiarism, and scientific or creative misrepresentation.
- g) Misuse of Intellectual Property** - is the illegal use of copy-right materials, trademarks, trade secrets or intellectual properties. Students are afforded a great deal of discretion under the legal principle of fair use, to employ copyrighted materials for academic purposes, but should consult with their instructor prior to using such materials for coursework of any kind.