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Academic Integrity at Colby College

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Thoughts

- Why are you in college? List as many reasons as you can.
- What kind of academic work are you most proud of? What did you do to create that work?
- When have you been most impressed with someone else’s ideas?
- Who helped you get to where you are today? What do you have to thank them for?
What is Academic Integrity?

Academic Integrity is the practice of being honest in all your academic endeavors. It includes:

- Giving credit to everyone whose work you rely on.
- Clearly distinguishing between your work and others’ work.
- Following course rules designed to help you and others learn and be accurately assessed on your learning.
- Being careful and thorough in your research and in communicating the results of your research.

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Why is Academic Integrity Important?

Conducting your work honestly:

- creates a culture of trust and collaboration between students and other students and between students and faculty;
- helps you to get the most possible out of your education;
- ensures that you and others get appropriate credit for your work and insights;
- helps ensure that you are earning a valuable degree from a respected institution.
Why is Academic Dishonesty a problem?

Academic dishonesty:

• creates a culture of distrust between students and other students and between students and faculty;
• keeps you from learning everything you can;
• is tantamount to stealing ideas;
• harms the reputation of the College and all graduates of the College.

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What is Academic Dishonesty?

Specific examples of behaviors that typically constitute academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to:

- substantial word-for-word copying of another’s words without quotation marks and appropriate citation, when the student should have known better
- paraphrasing another’s ideas without citation, when the student should have known better
- claiming another’s work or a modification of another’s work as one’s own
- enlisting or attempting to enlist someone else to do an assignment for you
- deliberately fabricating information or citations
- violating stated rules for completing an exam, homework assignment, or lab report
- making misrepresentations to faculty within the context of a course
- submitting the same work, including an essay that the student wrote, in more than one course without the permission of instructors
- repeatedly engaging in academic negligence
- knowingly assisting others in acts of academic dishonesty

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What you can do

• Always strive to do your best work!
• Be attuned to differences between cultures, disciplines, and professors.
• Always give credit to people or sources you rely on! Make it clear what your ideas are and what others’ ideas are.
• Seek help when you need it! The earlier the better!

Resources:
  ♦ Your professors!
  ♦ Your personal librarian
  ♦ Writing Center
  ♦ Advising Dean
  ♦ Learning Coach
  ♦ Counseling Center

• Promote academic honesty to your friends and classmates!
• If you witness academic dishonesty, let your professor know.

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The process

Academic Dishonesty

is a significant ethical violation rather than an oversight. It may result from an intent to deceive; a willful failure to read, recall or consult course rules; the deliberate failure to learn or apply standard ethical norms for academic work; or intentional carelessness.

Academic Negligence

is a minor unintentional lapse of ethical academic behavior. It may result from misunderstanding expectations, inadequate pre-college preparation, or inattention to differences in cultural or disciplinary citation practices.

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How Academic Dishonesty is handled:

- Academic Integrity Coordinator (AIC) oversees process. Individual cases are handled by an Academic Review Board (ARB)
- ARB consists of reporting faculty member, AIC, another faculty member, a student, and a DOS representative (non-voting)
- Professor reports academic dishonesty to AIC
- ARB investigates & assigns sanction

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Why sanction?

✧ Voice of College affirming that academic dishonesty is unacceptable
✧ Opportunity for student to change approach to academics
✧ Protects reputation of other students & College
✧ Deters other acts of academic dishonesty

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