

Academic Integrity Policy

Academic Integrity. The College is committed to helping students reach their full academic potential and to preparing them for success in their careers and further academic pursuits. Therefore, the College is committed to fostering a learning environment where students perform to the best of their own abilities and where academic integrity and honesty pervades.

True intellectual growth is dependent upon honest work. As scholars, Davidson County Community College students are expected to demonstrate integrity in all of their academic pursuits by doing their own work, without unauthorized assistance from others. **The College will not tolerate academically dishonest acts such as, but not limited to, cheating, fabricating, plagiarizing (including multiple submissions of one's own work), and/or assisting others in academically dishonest acts.**

Cheating is defined by the College as gaining or receiving unauthorized help during any academic assignment including using or attempting to use **unauthorized:**

- information (e.g. notes, someone else's work, test bank information),
- communication (e.g. talking, writing, or signing/signaling others),
- electronic devices (e.g. cell phones, blackberries, mp3 players, calculators, digital recorders/cameras, or other data storage device) during any academic assignment or test.

Fabricating is defined as generating false data, sources, or citations for any academic assignment.

Plagiarizing includes any attempt to pass another's work off as one's own, in part or in whole, without properly acknowledging the source. This includes directly quoting, summarizing, or using ideas, images, or data from another's work without properly citing the source as well as submitting purchased or borrowed papers as one's own.

Submitting one's own identical work for multiple assignments is prohibited without instructor permission.

Assisting others in academically dishonest acts includes any activity that is intended to help another person cheat, fabricate, or plagiarize. These acts include but are not limited to allowing another to copy work, providing test questions or answers, unsanctioned collaboration, and completing an academic assignment for someone else.

Academic Penalties for academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Verbal Warning
- Written Warning
- Failing grade for the assignment involved
- Failing grade for the course
- Removal from the course

Via the course syllabus, faculty will inform students in writing of the College's Academic Integrity Policy. Therein, the faculty will list specific penalties they will invoke for academic dishonesty in the course. Students who remain enrolled and engaged in courses beyond the review of the syllabi are considered to have read and agree to both the College's policy and the academic penalties which may be invoked by each faculty member in each individual course.

Academic penalties for violation of the policy can and may be applied differently by the faculty of the College.

Assessing the academic work of students is the purview of the instructor; therefore, issues regarding academic dishonesty should be resolved between the instructor and the student. However, any unresolved issues will be referred to the appropriate Academic Dean for further review. On the rare occasion when resolution is still unreachable, the infraction may be referred to the Vice President for Academic Programs and Services. The Vice President's decision will be final.

Please Note: Violation of the Academic Integrity policy is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. As outlined in the DCCC Student Code of Conduct, academic dishonesty is strictly prohibited. Students who violate the academic integrity policy will be reported to the Dean of Student Services. **Multiple violations may result in the Dean issuing additional sanctions, up to and including expulsion, as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.**