

Academic Misconduct is any action or attempted action designed to provide an unfair academic advantage or disadvantage for oneself or others. Academic Misconduct includes, but is not limited to, **Plagiarism, Cheating, Fabrication and Facilitation.**

Plagiarism: Using somebody else's words or ideas without proper attribution. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Presenting the work of others as your own work by summary, paraphrase, or quotation
- Cutting material from the Internet and pasting it into your assignment without acknowledging the source
- Using the ideas, words, data, theories, opinions, outlines, illustrations, or audiovisual material you find in a print, Web, or audiovisual source without acknowledging where those ideas, words, or images come from

Cheating: Seeking to misrepresent or mislead others to think you have mastered information when you have not. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Copying/looking with the intent of copying from another student's test paper, computer program, project, product, or performance
- Collaborating without permission or allowing another student to copy your work
- Using, without permission, the course textbook or other material, such as notes, cell phones, computers, lists, cameras, or other technology or reminders written on skin, clothing, paper, or other surfaces for use during a test
- Resubmitting substantially the same work that was produced for another assignment without the knowledge and permission of the instructor.
- Taking a test for someone or permitting someone else to take a test for you.

Fabrication: Using information that the author has invented or the falsification of research or other findings. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Citing information not taken from the source indicated
- Listing sources in a reference not used
- Inventing data, source information for research, interviews, or other academic assignments.

Facilitation: Assisting another individual or group of individuals in being dishonest. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Letting another individual copy your homework, test answers, etc.
- Giving an assignment, paper, homework, etc. to another student
- Giving test questions to another individual who has not yet taken the exam
- Working as a group on an online exam or any other assignment meant for an individual.
- Copying the questions of any examination by any method for later use.

Academic misconduct is prohibited. Upon identification of misconduct, an instructor has the authority to exercise academic discipline by lowering to any extent, including to a grade of "F" or "zero," a student's grade in the course, assignment, or examination affected by the academic misconduct. Students guilty of academic misconduct that would typically result in the grade of "F" for the course will not be permitted to drop the class in which the academic misconduct occurred pending final resolution of an allegation of academic misconduct.

I understand the definitions and the consequences above and realize that an act of plagiarism, cheating, fabrication, or facilitation constitutes academic misconduct. I have had an opportunity to discuss these definitions and the consequences set forth with my course instructor.

Student Signature

Print student name

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Course instructor

Course Number/Section

Date

Sources: *Webster's Dictionary; Anne Raimes, Keys for Writers; MTSU Rights and Responsibilities of Students Handbook; RSCC Academic Misconduct Committee; RSCC Policy SA-06-01, Student Discipline.*