Academic Integrity: Course Catalog

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Academic Integrity

Academic integrity presumes that each member of the academic community exhibits respect for him/herself, respect for others, respect for property (including intellectual property), and respect for authority. Honesty and respectful behavior are fundamental to the learning and development of each member of the academic community. Ohio Dominican University expects that all members of the community will adhere to these values through the honest pursuit of learning and through the maintenance of an atmosphere of support and respect within the community.

Honesty and the Pursuit of Truth

On the front steps of Erskine Hall is inscribed the Dominican motto, "To contemplate truth, and to share with others the fruits of this contemplation." This motto guides the thinking and the actions of faculty and students at Ohio Dominican University. Sincere truth seekers, by definition, approach their work with a commitment to honest inquiry, principled discussion, and debate. ODU expects that all members of the community adhere to the Dominican academic tradition and adopt a strict standard of integrity as their own.

Types of Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty and cheating in any of its forms will not be tolerated. Offenses such as copying from another person or using unauthorized notes or materials during exams, unauthorized collaboration on tests or projects, falsifying research and using fictitious data and so forth, are strictly prohibited.

Plagiarism

A special form of academic dishonesty is plagiarism. Plagiarism occurs when a student submits work purporting to be his/her own, but that borrows ideas, organization, wording or anything else from some other source without an appropriate acknowledgment of that fact.

Plagiarism may take many forms. The most flagrant form of plagiarism consists of directly reproducing someone else's work, whether it is published or unpublished, complete or in part. Examples of this work would include books, articles, another's writings, a friend's paper in another class or school, or a page from the internet. Students may discuss assignments among themselves or with an instructor or tutor, but when the actual work is done, the student and the student alone must do it except in cases where the faculty member requires collaboration.

Similarly, when the student's assignment involves research, she/he must be careful to acknowledge exactly what, where and how she/he has employed the work of others. If the student uses the words of someone else, quotation marks must be used with some appropriate
indication of its origin added. A citation is also required when the organization, content and phraseology of another's thought remains substantially intact.

These guidelines apply equally to students' academic work of all kinds, and not only to written work. In a case where a student feels unsure about a question of plagiarism involving his/her work, she/he is obligated to consult the instructor on the matter before submitting it. Students who violate University and instructor policy on plagiarism are subject to University discipline.

A thorough discussion of plagiarism occurs in the college writing courses, ENG 110–111. Faculty members in other courses and other fields also establish expectations and provide guidance about academic honesty in their fields. Students are encouraged to carefully observe academic honesty guidelines presented in all their courses.

**Procedure for Addressing Academic Dishonesty, including Plagiarism**

When a student engages in academic dishonesty, the professor will decide the appropriate course sanction (perhaps failure for the assigned work or failure for the class), complete the Academic Disciplinary Action Form with appropriate supplementary material, and file this material in the Office of Academic Affairs.

If a student's actions form a pattern of academic dishonesty, the Office of Academic Affairs will bring formal charges against the student, and a hearing will be held following the Academic Disciplinary Hearing Procedure (see Academic Policies section of Student Handbook).

**References:**

Ohio Dominican University. *University Course Catalog 2018-2019*, n.d.,