

Academic Integrity - Student Guide

Value Statement

The University of Idaho expects students to engage in academic activities with high standards of honesty and integrity. Honesty is a fundamental value of learning and the educational process. The university promotes activities that instill high standards of academic integrity, civility and citizenship.

Expectations

- Learn faculty expectations for each course and read the syllabus thoroughly.
- Work with faculty to create a positive and collaborative learning environment.
- Take responsibility for learning by reading the course syllabus, university policies and by asking questions of faculty when expectations are not clear.
- Cite all materials used from other sources (e.g. books, e-publications, journal articles and newspapers).
- Submit your own work on papers, reports, projects and exams and ask instructor before participating in group work.
- Read the Student Code of Conduct to understand the University of Idaho's academic honesty policy and disciplinary process.
- Inform yourself about standards and practices concerning individual work versus work that may be done in a team study group.
 - Keep your computer files secure so that other students cannot access your work.
 - Don't share your final work with other students.
 - Follow faculty instructions for each test-taking situation and comply with honor statements that may be attached to tests.
- Address questions about paper, reports, projects, other assignments or tests to your instructor.
- Establish high standards of honesty and academic integrity in living groups, study groups and other study situations.

If you engage in academic dishonesty...

- Faculty can assign you a failing grade for the assignment or the entire course.
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- You may be subject to disciplinary action with sanctions that range from warning through expulsion from the University of Idaho.

University of Idaho Academic Honesty Policy

1. Cheating on classroom or outside the classroom assignments or examinations is a violation of this code. Plagiarism, falsification of academic records and the acquisition or use of test materials without faculty authorization are considered forms of academic dishonesty and, as such, are violations of this code. Because academic honesty and integrity are core values at a university, the faculty finds that even one incident of academic dishonesty seriously and critically endangers the essential operation of the university and may merit expulsion.
2. The operation of U-Idaho requires the accuracy and protection of its records and documents. To use, make, forge, print, reproduce, copy, alter, remove, or destroy any record, document, or identification used or maintained by U-Idaho violates this code when done with intent to defraud or misinform. Entrance without proper authority into any private office or space of a member of the faculty, staff, or student body is a violation of this code.



Resources

Access the Academic Integrity website on the Dean of Students website at www.uidaho.edu/dos. In the Student Resources and Academic Integrity Initiative sections there is more information on How to Cite Sources and how to locate online resources and other informational links.

“Today I am going to give you two examinations, one in trigonometry and one in honesty. I hope you will pass them both, but if you must fail one, let it be trigonometry, for there are many good [people] in this world today who cannot pass an examination in trigonometry, but there are no good [people] in the world who cannot pass an examination in honesty.”

-Madison Sarratt (1891-1978)
Dean, Vanderbilt University



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3. Instructors and students are responsible for maintaining academic standards and integrity in their classes. Consequences for academic dishonesty may be imposed by the course instructor. Such consequences may include but cannot exceed a grade of “F” in the course. The instructor should attempt to notify the student of the suspected academic dishonesty and give the student an opportunity to respond. The notice and the opportunity may be informal and need not be in writing. Penalties for any disciplinary infraction must be judicially imposed.
4. Instructors may report incidents of academic dishonesty to the Dean of Students. Upon receiving such a report, the Dean of Students shall provide the student with written notice that a report has been made and an opportunity to meet with the Dean to discuss the record for a period of time deemed appropriate by the Dean. The Dean of Students may file a complaint against the student after the meeting has taken place or the student has elected, either affirmatively or through inaction, not to meet with the Dean.