

# Sign and Return This Form

**Policy on Originality of Student Work** All written or oral work submitted for credit must be the product of each student's individual effort. The learning process involves making one's own mistakes, then discovering the principles involved as well as ways to avoid similar mistakes in the future. As a part of the process of preparing a piece of original work for final evaluation:

- ***it is acceptable*** to receive informal assistance such as asking another student to review your work and make constructive suggestions about its structure and/or content, proofread a paper for typographical errors, or time a speech to ensure that it conforms to limits set for formal presentation.
- ***it is unacceptable*** to receive any substantive help, such as having another person write or rewrite your paper or speech or to collaborate with someone (share information, outlines, or other research) on your paper or speech. When you receive such help, you are engaging in ***academic misconduct***.

The School of Communication and Journalism follows the guidelines for "Academic Regulations" as described in the Rules Section of the Auburn University Student Policy eHandbook ([http://www.auburn.edu/student\\_info/student\\_policies/](http://www.auburn.edu/student_info/student_policies/)). You are responsible for knowing and adhering to those guidelines. They apply not only to those students who are currently enrolled, but also to those who are NOT currently enrolled.

In *The Art of Public Speaking*, Stephen Lucas provides an excellent description of plagiarism: "Plagiarism comes from *plagiarius*, the Latin word for 'kidnapper.' Plagiarism occurs when you use all or part of another person's work, or a paraphrase of that work, as your own."

Remember, common cases of academic misconduct relating to cheating or plagiarizing include, but are not limited to:

- ***representing another's work as your own.*** For example, copying—completely or partially—a published work without giving credit to the author, or copying—completely or partially—a speech, outline, paper, or exam.
- ***sharing your work with another person.*** For example, lending or otherwise supplying another person with your homework assignments or graded assignments, or collaborating on assignments that were to be the product of your individual effort.

Students who find themselves in a "time crunch" may be tempted to engage in plagiarism. To avoid this unfortunate situation, start your work early, research thoroughly, use a wide variety of sources, and properly cite your source.

Students are also responsible for making sure all excuses turned in on their behalf are valid. Fake doctor's notes are also a violation of the honor code.

In addition, any videotaping or sharing of photos and videos recorded in any COMM 1000 class is prohibited. Violation of this policy will also be reported.

*I hereby acknowledge that all work I submit will be work that I alone have created. I further acknowledge that I will not attempt to download a speech that is not my own or to show another student's work to anyone else. I acknowledge that all excuses turned in during the course of the semester are legitimate. I further acknowledge that I will not take pictures or videos of anything happening in during my COMM 1000 class.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_