

Academic Integrity Policy for ECSE-2010, Fall 2020

Intellectual integrity and credibility are the foundation of all academic work. A violation of Academic Integrity policy is, by definition, considered a flagrant offense to the educational process. It is taken seriously by students, faculty, and Rensselaer and will be addressed in an effective manner. If found responsible for committing academic dishonesty, a student may be subject to one or both types of penalties: an academic (grade) penalty administered by the professor and/or disciplinary action through the Rensselaer judicial process described in the student handbook. Three relevant academic integrity violations to emphasize include:

Collaboration: Collaboration is defined as deliberately facilitating an act of academic dishonesty in any way or form; for example, allowing another student to observe an exam paper or allowing another student to "recycle" one's old term paper or using one another's work in a paper or lab report without citing it as another's work.

Copying: Copying is defined as obtaining information pertaining to a graded exercise by deliberately observing the paper of another student; for example, noting which alternative a neighboring student has circled on a multiple-choice exam.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism is defined as representing the work or words of another as one's own through the omission of acknowledgment or reference. Examples include using sentences verbatim from a published source in a term paper without appropriate referencing, or presenting as one's own the detailed argument of a published source, or presenting as one's own electronically or digitally enhanced graphic representations from any form of media.

The Rensselaer Handbook of Student Rights and Responsibilities defines the full list of forms of Academic Dishonesty and you should make yourself familiar with these. ***In this class, all assignments that are turned in for a grade must represent the student's own work. In cases where help was received, or teamwork was allowed, a notation on the assignment should indicate your collaboration.*** If you have any questions concerning this policy before submitting an assignment, please ask for clarification.

Specific examples: Some assignments, like exams, have a clearly marked place on the front page that requires a signature confirming academic integrity. If you forget to sign the document before submitting it, a TA or instructor will contact you directly to ask you to sign before grading your assignment. We require that you take exams without speaking to other students via another communication channel. We expect you to use any permitted crib sheets just like you would in class. You cannot interact with Chegg.com or any other online/internet assignment sharing system for any graded assignment. Interaction with it results in an automatic failure for the entire course. A result of the violation using online resources to assist in graded assignments will result in a formal report. As a warning, there are ways that we can easily detect your use of these online resources that compromise academic integrity.

Submission of any assignment that is in violation of the policies described above will result in a penalty of an F in the class, and may be subject to further disciplinary action. If you have any question concerning this policy before submitting an assignment, please ask for clarification. Your assignments will not be graded without a copy of this form on file.

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