#### **Honor Code**

- Honor Code:
  - Extremely serious!
  - □ Student Handbook
  - http://www.wm.edu/offices/deanofstudents/services/ studentconduct/studenthandbook/index.php

Lying is the expression of a material untruth made with the intent to mislead another or with reckless disregard for the truth of the matter asserted. Lying is a violation of the Honor Code when the material untruth is uttered or presented, verbally, electronically, or in writing, to another member of the College community...

- **Cheating** is the act of wrongfully using or taking the ideas or work of another in order to gain an unfair advantage. It includes, but is not limited to:
  - □ (1) the act of plagiarism;
  - (2) the acts of giving unauthorized aid to another student or receiving unauthorized aid from another person on tests, quizzes, assignments or examinations;
  - (3) the acts of using or consulting unauthorized materials or using unauthorized equipment or devices on tests, quizzes, assignments or examinations;
  - (4) the acts of using any material portion of a paper or project to fulfill the requirements of more than one course unless the student has received prior permission to do so; or
  - □ (5) the acts of intentionally commencing work or failing to terminate work on any examination, test, quiz or assignment according to the time constraints imposed.

Plagiarism occurs when a student, with intent to deceive or with reckless disregard for proper scholarly procedures, presents any information, ideas, or phrasing of another as if they were his or her own and does not give appropriate credit to the original source.

Stealing is the intentional taking or appropriating of the property of another without consent or permission and with the intent to keep or use the property without the owner's or the rightful possessor's permission. Although the prohibition against stealing includes property of whatever nature, it also covers theft of the academic work product of another.

#### Are these honor code violations?

- Can you write a term paper where you lift whole paragraphs from other papers?
  - What if you reference these papers and give credit to the original authors?
- Can you use a power point presentation for a paper that you found on the web?
  - What if this is just for a class or group meeting?
- Can you collaborate with other students for homework?
  - What if it is not explicitly prohibited?
- Can you mine the web for solutions (homework, etc)
- If you need 5 points for a graph but you only have 3, is it OK to "extrapolate" them?
- Can you get external homework from non WM people?

#### Honor code violations

- Are not tolerated
- Students have been dismissed from the program (and kicked out of the country)
- Cultural effect
- When in doubt, ask your adviser or course instructors
- Take this VERY seriously