**Academic Integrity - Sample Syllabus Language**

Below are some examples of syllabus language that some faculty are using to help students understand our policies. You are not required to include this information, but if you wish to do so, feel free to adapt one of these templates:

**Adapted from the College Writing Program:**

Academic Integrity: The University describes plagiarism as “representing the words or ideas of another as one’s own work in any academic exercise.” Similarly, the resubmission of your own previously produced work, for which you have already received credit in other courses or in high school, is a violation. All students are expected to maintain high standards of academic honesty and integrity. Please see the academic integrity policy on the University website. There are sanctions for plagiarism and academic dishonesty. <https://www.uml.edu/catalog/undergraduate/policies/academic-policies/academic-integrity.aspx>

**Plagiarism:**Plagiarism includes many forms of academic dishonesty and cheating, which we will discuss in class; it is also unacceptable and will not be tolerated. If you’re having trouble with a paper or are not clear on what plagiarism means, please see me before the paper is due. *Very generally*, plagiarism can consist of:

* taking whole papers or large parts of papers from the internet or other students and passing off as your own
* improperly paraphrasing or summarizing from a source or failing to cite an author’s *ideas*
* failing to quote words taken verbatim from a source
* failing to include in-text citations and/or a bibliography
* resubmitting an entire paper or parts of a paper that you’d written for another class

You can find the university policy regarding academic dishonesty at <https://www.uml.edu/catalog/undergraduate/policies/academic-policies/academic-integrity.aspx>. This policy notes that “academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, and facilitating dishonesty.”

Because plagiarism and academic dishonesty can take many different forms, so do the penalties, but all infractions will be reported to the Provost’s office. Consequences for plagiarism will be handled on a case-by-case basis, and may include a zero or reduced credit for an assignment, a re-write, or failure of the course.

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**Adapted from Prof. James Prop (Mathematical Sciences)**

My expectations for appropriate ways of doing the homework will be

discussed in class; in case you are in any doubt about what is expected,

it is your responsibility to contact me for clarification.  See

<https://www.uml.edu/Catalog/Undergraduate/Policies/Academic-Policies/Academic-Integrity.aspx>

The homework that you turn in is expected to be your work and yours alone.

Helping your peers and seeking help from them is allowed; mindlessly copying answers is highly unethical (aside from being a lousy way to learn material and therefore a bad way to prepare for exams); the grader and I will be looking closely for evidence of copied answers.  Be certain that you are able to explain anything and everything that you turn in.  The ideas can be developed in collaboration, but the words must be yours and yours alone.

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