# **Code of Academic Integrity - Uopeople catalog.**

# **University of the People**

# **UNIV 1001-01 Online Education Strategies**

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**1. Did any of the information in the Catalog - such as the consequences - surprise you? Why or why not?**

Personally, I was not surprised by the information in the Catalog, specifically regarding plagiarism. Students should submit their own work when completing assignments. Not giving credit to sources used should have strong consequences as it is dishonest. Researching and building on ideas of others is a necessary aspect of learning, however, not being transparent as to where you found your information is deceptive and should not be tolerated.

**2. Given the potential consequences for plagiarizing, why do you think students engage in plagiarism? Be sure to explore at least two possible reasons why students might plagiarize.**

University of the People defines plagiarism as “the unintentional or intentional representation of the words or ideas of another as one’s own work in any academic exercise.” This definition perfectly summarizes two very different reasons students plagiarize. Intentional plagiarism occurs when a student wants to represent someone else’s work as their own. They see it as an easy way to “check the boxes” and pass the course. This type of plagiarize is highly deceptive and dishonest. However, oftentimes students commit plagiarism unintentionally. If a student forgets to cite sources as they are building their paper and does not use a plagiarism checker once completed, they could easily commit plagiarism without intending to. I believe that this is the most common form of plagiarism. The majority of students are enrolled in courses because they want to learn and further themselves. This type of student would not intentionally risk their academic success by plagiarizing.

**3. What strategies will you use to avoid plagiarism?**

To avoid plagiarism, I will always use a plagiarism checker before submitting any assignments. I will also cite my assignments as I go. By citing as I am building my papers, I will avoid any unnecessary checking once a paper is completed, and more importantly avoid plagiarism entirely.

*References*

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