

Honesty Policy

Cheating

San José State University defines cheating as the act of obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work through the use of any dishonest, deceptive, or fraudulent means. Cheating includes:

- Copying, in part or in whole, from another's test or other evaluation instrument including homework assignments, worksheets, lab reports, essays, summaries, quizzes, etc.;
- Submitting work previously graded in another course without prior approval by the course instructor or by departmental policy;
- Submitting work simultaneously presented in two courses without prior approval by both course instructors or by the department policies of both departments;
- Using or consulting sources, tools or materials prohibited by the instructor prior to, or during an examination;
- Altering or interfering with the grading process;
- Sitting for an examination by a surrogate, or as a surrogate;
- Any other act committed by a student in the course of their academic work that defrauds or misrepresents, including aiding others in any of the actions defined above.

Plagiarism

San José State University defines plagiarism as the act of representing the work of another as one's own without giving appropriate credit, regardless of how that work was obtained, and submitting it to fulfill academic requirements.

Plagiarism includes:

- Knowingly or unknowingly incorporating the ideas, words, sentences, paragraphs, or parts of, or the specific substance of another's work, without giving appropriate credit, and representing the product as one's own work;
- Representing another's artistic/scholarly works such as musical compositions, computer programs, photographs, paintings, drawing, sculptures, or similar works as one's own.

Honesty Pledge

- I have read and understand the university definition of cheating and plagiarism.
- I will not copy ("*cut and paste*") *any* material from *any* source without proper attribution.
- I will not discuss *any* assignment that is part of the course grade with *anybody* without prior approval from the instructor.
- I understand that there is no make-up opportunity for assignments where breaches of academic integrity have occurred.
- I understand that breaches of academic integrity will result in a failing grade in the course, as well as possible referral for additional administrative sanctions.
- I will ask the instructor for guidance if I have any questions about how the above is to be understood.