

Maintenance of Academic Integrity (Community Standards)

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Please read these statements. If after reading statements you have any questions, please contact me. Then sign and date the bottom of the statement. Thank you.

1. Every member of the University community is expected to maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. A student shall not submit work that is falsified or is not the result of the student's own effort. Infringement of academic honesty by a student subjects that student to serious penalties, which may include failure on the assignment, failure in the course, suspension from the University or other sanctions (see Section 21). A student who is in doubt regarding standards of academic honesty in a course or assignment should consult the faculty member responsible for that course or assignment before submitting the work. A student's lack of understanding is not a valid defense to a charge of academic dishonesty.
2. A student's name on any written exercise (e.g., examination, report, thesis, theme, notebook, laboratory report, computer program, etc.), or in association with an oral presentation constitutes a representation that the work is the result of that student's own thought and study. Such work shall be stated in the student's own words, and produced without the assistance of others, except for quotation marks, references, and footnotes that accurately acknowledge the use of other sources (including sources found on the Internet). Talking during an examination, or possession or use of unauthorized materials or equipment during an examination constitutes an infringement of academic honesty. Attempting to receive credit for work not originally submitted also constitutes an infringement of academic honesty.
3. In some instances, a student may be authorized by a faculty member to work jointly with (an)other student(s) in solving problems or completing projects. However, students may not collaborate on assignments without explicit permission from the instructor. To provide, either knowingly or through negligence, one's own work to assist another student in satisfying a course requirement constitutes an infringement of academic honesty. Aid from personnel associated with University-sanctioned tutoring services is acceptable; tutor assisted work submitted for a grade may be done only with approval of the instructor.
4. Unless permission is received in advance from the faculty member in charge of the course involved, a student may not submit, in identical or similar form, work for one course that has been used to fulfill any academic requirement in another course at SJSU or any other institution. A student who perceives the possibility of overlapping assignments in courses should consult with the appropriate faculty members before presuming that a single effort will fulfill requirements of both courses.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____