

MANUAL OF POLICY

Title	Academic Integrity and Dishonesty	3323
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Students attending South Texas College are responsible for adhering to standards of academic integrity. Academic integrity is the pursuit of scholarly activity in an open, honest and responsible manner. Academic integrity is a basic guiding principle for all academic activity at South Texas College and students are expected to act in accordance with this principle.

Failing to adhere to academic integrity constitutes academic dishonesty. Academic dishonesty is considered to be a violation of the behavior expected of a student in an academic setting as well as a student conduct violation. A student found responsible for academic dishonesty is subject to appropriate academic penalty as determined by the faculty member. Students who engage in academic dishonesty also face additional disciplinary sanctions, including expulsion from the College, as outlined in the South Texas College Student Code of Conduct.

Students are responsible for adhering to course requirements as specified by the faculty member in the course syllabus. Students assume full responsibility for the content and integrity of the coursework they submit. Information from instructors regarding the rules and guidelines for examinations, papers, projects, presentations, and other assignments are included in course syllabi.

Acts of academic dishonesty include but are not limited to the following:

- Cheating
- Plagiarism
- Collusion

Examples of specific acts of academic dishonesty, acceptable sanctions, and appeal procedures are detailed in the South Texas College Student Code of Conduct which is available in the Student Handbook.