

## Code of Academic Integrity

Adapted from the Columbia University Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science Bulletin.

Because intellectual integrity is the hallmark of educational institutions, academic dishonesty is one of the most serious offenses that a student can commit at Columbia. It is punishable by suspension or dismissal from the School.

According to the Honor Code of Emory College, a writer's facts, ideas, and phraseology should be regarded as his property. Any person who uses a writer's ideas or phraseology should also give due credit. Not to do so is to plagiarize, to intentionally or unintentionally appropriate the ideas, language, key terms, or findings of another without sufficient acknowledgment that such material is not one's own. (<http://www.emory.edu/COLLEGE/students/honor.html>)

As the Modern Language Association defines this transgression: Using another person's ideas or expressions in your writing without acknowledging the source constitutes plagiarism. Derived from the Latin *plagiarius* ("kidnapper"), plagiarism refers to a form of intellectual theft. . . . **In short, to plagiarize is to give the impression that you wrote or thought something that you in fact borrowed from someone, and to do so is a violation of professional ethics.** (Joseph Gibaldi, *MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing*. 2nd. ed., New York: MLA, 1998: 151).

In making clear Columbia's policy on plagiarism, it is not feasible to include here all the various forms that plagiarism might take. It is useful, however, to list several obvious varieties in order to dispel confusion about actions that the School will not tolerate:

1. Submitting essays, or portions of essays, written by other people as one's own;
2. Failing to acknowledge, through proper footnotes and bibliographic entries, the source of ideas essentially not one's own, **including resources from the Internet**
3. Failing to indicate paraphrases or ideas or verbatim expressions not one's own through proper use of quotations and footnotes;
4. Submitting written work for one course to a second course without having received prior permission from both instructors;
5. Collaborating on an assignment or examination without specific permission from the faculty member to do so;
6. Selling of notes, syllabi, or papers.

Cheating is another type of academic dishonesty that will not be tolerated.

**Ignorance is no excuse for academic dishonesty.** If questions arise concerning proper use of quotations, footnotes, or bibliographies, the student should contact the instructor. Seeking informed advice from a faculty member is the best way to avoid confusion about matters that can be complicated.

Further information about policies and procedures can be found in the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science Bulletin. (<http://www.engineering.columbia.edu/bulletin/>)

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As a member of the Columbia University and Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science Communities, I have read and understand the importance of this Code of Academic Integrity. My signature below indicates my acceptance of this code and the responsibilities it entails.

Signature:

Print Name:

Date: