Academic Integrity and Student Conduct

2015-2016
Expectations

At the University of Maryland, all students are expected to act with **honor**. Committing to acting with honor means that you commit yourself to **acting ethically and with integrity** in all of your endeavors both **inside and outside** of the classroom.
Why is Integrity Important?

Everyday examples where we expect it?
Maryland Honor Pledge:

“I pledge on my honor that I have not given or received any unauthorized assistance on this assignment/examination”

-Adopted by UMD Senate in 2001
Plagiarism
intentionally or knowingly representing the words or ideas of another as one’s own in any academic course or exercise.

Cheating
fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in any academic course or exercise in an attempt to gain an unfair advantage and/or intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic course or exercise.

Facilitation
intentionally or knowingly helping or attempting to help another to violate any provision of this Code.

Fabrication
intentional and unauthorized falsification or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise.
Sanctions for Violating the Code of Academic Integrity
Common Mistakes

• Assuming that it is okay to work with a partner
  – It is assumed that all work turned in is completed only by you, unless your professor says otherwise

• Turning in the same paper for two classes
  – This is called self-plagiarism. You are at the University to learn, not just earn good grades
Common Mistakes

• Not citing material or doing so incorrectly
  – The people who made the original source worked hard! It is only right that you properly give them credit

• Making up numbers to go into a lab report
  – If you didn’t actually get those values, don’t put them in your report
Common Mistakes

• Giving a friend access to your Canvas login information or answers to old assignments
  – This is facilitation of academic dishonesty, and can land both of you in trouble

What else can you think of?
How to Prevent Academic Dishonesty:

• **ENGAGE** in your own learning.
• **EXPLORE** the citation styles of your field.
• **ASK** questions of professors and TAs.
• **MEET** with your professor or instructor.
• **SAVE** contact information of classmates.
Academic Integrity Tutorial

- www.academicintegrity.umd.edu
- 30 minutes - 1 hour to complete
- Covers all types of academic situations
- Encouraged for all students at Maryland (most referrals come from older students)
In the most recent reporting period (June 1, 2014 – May 31, 2015), the academic conduct caseload totaled 486 new referrals, a 55% increase from last year.

The percentage of students found responsible for, or who admitted to, violating the Code of Academic Integrity remains high at 90%.

The XF was applied in 72 of the cases in which students were found responsible. Other sanctions were punitive and/or educational.
Purpose for Code of Student Conduct

• At the University of Maryland we want all students to remain safe
• Positive, productive relationships with Law Enforcement and other local agencies
• Equipment designed to help in an emergency should function properly
• Students should know where to go for help
Possible Sanctions

Written warning
Resident Life
Reprimand
Student Conduct
Housing termination
Expulsion
Common Mistakes

• Removing any fire safety material
  – Playing with fire extinguishers, removing exit signs, and messing with sprinklers could harm people in the event of an emergency

• Drinking underage and not getting help for fear of trouble
  – The consequences of someone dying are worse than anything else that could happen
Common Misconceptions

• Having a fake ID with your real name and address on it
  – Any ID that is not your own state issued ID is against University policy

• Marijuana has been decriminalized in Maryland, so it is okay to possess and use
  – It is still not legal in the state and is against University policy to have on campus
Common Misconceptions

• Hazing defines only a small subset of activities that organizations on campus utilize to initiate new members
  – Hazing is anything that you are compelled to do that presents a risk of physical harm, emotional harm, unreasonable requirements, or diminished physical or mental capacity, OR causing another to break University policy or any law

What else can you think of?
Sexual Misconduct Policy

Includes sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, relationship violence, and exploitation. Gives a clear definition of consent.

Find out more: http://www.umd.edu/Sexual_Misconduct/

The Sexual Misconduct Office is located in 1103 Armory.
Responsible Action Policy

Take responsible action and get help for those who need it in an emergency.

Call for help (911/UMD staff) for someone in need of medical attention because of drugs or alcohol, neither the person needing help, nor the person calling for help may face disciplinary action.

- **Know** the signs of medical distress.
- **Call** for help.
- **Care** for someone.

Look out for your fellow Terps!
Anonymous Ask

• The Office of Student Conduct has recently started an anonymous ask regarding questions about the *Code of Academic Integrity*, the *Code of Student Conduct*, and the Residence Hall Rules

• Can be found at:
  • [go.umd.edu/AskOSC](http://go.umd.edu/AskOSC) (post a question)
  • [go.umd.edu/AskedOSC](http://go.umd.edu/AskedOSC) (previous responses)
Terp Nation has NO Boundaries!

The *Code of Student Conduct* now applies off campus too, so remember the *Code* wherever you go!
University Student Judiciary

Students with a Voice in Campus Governance

• Uphold the standards of university conduct through adjudication of violations

• Educate the campus about issues of integrity, character, and ethics (ICE)

• Accepting applications now!
Check us out on:

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