

**Policy on Academic Integrity and Plagiarism
Committee on Graduate Studies and Research
Case School of Dental Medicine**

The Case Western Reserve University Statement on Ethics includes the following:

“All students are expected to adhere to the standards of academic honesty consistent with the University Statement on Ethics. Any work submitted by a student must represent his or her own efforts. Any student engaging in cheating, plagiarism, or any other acts of academic dishonesty will be subject to disciplinary action” (<http://www.cwru.edu/provost/ugstudies/acad.htm>).

All forms of academic dishonesty including cheating, plagiarism, misrepresentation, and obstruction are violations of academic integrity standards. Cheating includes copying from another's work, falsifying problem solutions or laboratory reports, or using unauthorized sources, notes or computer programs. Plagiarism includes the presentation, without proper attribution, of another's words or ideas from printed or electronic sources. It is also plagiarism to submit, without the instructor's consent, an assignment in one class previously submitted in another. Misrepresentation includes forgery of official academic documents, the presentation of altered or falsified documents or testimony to a university office or official, taking an exam for another student, or lying about personal circumstances to postpone tests or assignments. Obstruction occurs when a student engages in unreasonable conduct that interferes with another's ability to conduct scholarly activity. Destroying a student's computer file, stealing a student's notebook, and stealing a book on reserve in the library are examples of obstruction (<http://studentaffairs.case.edu/handbook/policy/integrity.html>).

The following statements are intended to illustrate some basic standards and values of the School of Dental Medicine:

- *Performance on exams should reflect the student's ability.*

~Violations of this standard include:

- a) Giving or receiving privileged information regarding the specific content of an examination, prior to test time, which is not common knowledge of the participants, with the intent of gaining an unfair advantage;
- b) Giving, receiving, or using unauthorized aid during an examination, quiz or practical;
- c) Disclosing the contents of an exam to a student who has yet to take the exam; and/or
- d) Making an unauthorized copy of an exam or portion thereof, or retaining possession of any exam, which the instructor has no intention of releasing.

- *Work submitted for credit should reflect the student's performance.*

~Violations of this standard include:

- a) Submitting lab projects for evaluation which were not produced by the student. This includes receiving aid beyond a reasonable extent from other students or instructors while preparing projects for evaluation;
- b) Claiming credit for clinical treatment which was not completed by the student with the exception of reasonable aid from faculty, and/or illegally altering patient clinic records for any reason; and/or
- c) Neglecting to adhere strictly to all conditions set for practical exams.

- *Respect should be shown for the property of others.*

~Violations of this standard include stealing or defacing the project or personal effects of another student, person, the School of Dental Medicine, or the University. The taking or concealing of property with or without the intent of depriving permanently is unacceptable behavior.

- *Representation of self and others should be fair.*

~Violations of this standard include intentional misrepresentation of one's own or any other student's grades, class rank, personal references activities, or any other material facts regarding academic and personal achievements.

(from the *Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct*, [Part II, Student Responsibilities, Academic Misconduct](#), By action of the University Faculty Council (April 12, 2005) and the Trustees of Indiana University [June 24, 2005].)

Plagiarism, whether from printed, unprinted, or digital sources, is a serious violation of ethical conduct, and will be addressed. Such a violation can have severe consequences that could result in revocation of privileges, other disciplinary action, or possible separation of the student from their program of study.

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