Academic Success: Academic Integrity

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Orientation to University: Academic Integrity and Academic Supports

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Student Advocacy

- Is a confidential service for students
- Help students understand rules at the university
- Assists students if they feel they have been treated unfairly
- Provide referrals to other services.
Academic Dishonesty

- Plagiarism
- Cheating
  - Copying
  - Unauthorized Materials
  - Exam Personation
- Fraud
- Inappropriate Collaboration
Plagiarism

○ “Failure to provide appropriate citations (references) constitutes plagiarism.”

○ Includes written work (such as essays) and oral presentations

○ Must reference a direct quote (word for word) as well as putting someone else’s idea into your own words (paraphrase)

1 http://webapps.cc.umanitoba.ca/calendar10/regulations/plagiarism.asp
Inappropriate Collaboration

• Working with other students on individual class assignments, or talking to other students about how they did an assignment.

• If you need help with an assignment, talk directly to the professor or a teaching assistant.
Example 1

- A student used the internet to complete research for an essay. He copied and pasted information from the websites into his document, and planned to go back later to add the references. But he became busy with his other courses, so when he was finishing his essay, he was rushed to meet the deadline, and forgot to put the reference for some of the information from the website. His instructor accused him of plagiarism.

- The student said it was an accident, but he was responsible to check his work carefully and not to submit work that was not properly referenced, so it was still considered plagiarism.
Example 2

• A student was writing an exam and could not see the clock from her seat. She wanted to know the time, so she took out her cell phone to check the time. The instructor came to her and took her cell phone away. The student then received a letter from the Dean to inform her she was accused of cheating in the exam.

• She was found guilty of accessing unauthorized material (cell phone) during an exam. It did not matter that she only used it to check the time, she is not permitted to access material during an exam.

• Students should check their pockets for notes, or any other electronic devices before writing a test or exam
Academic Integrity

• Students are responsible to know the rules surrounding Academic Integrity.
• Being unaware of the rules does not avoid the consequences.
Possible Consequences

• “F” grade in the course.
  • Notation of “Discipline” on transcript
• A mark of zero (0) on the test/assignment.
• Notation on your transcript.
• Suspension for one year or more.
• Expulsion from the Faculty.
If you are struggling....

• You are not alone!
• Do something!
• Act as early as possible. Special requests and arrangements are more difficult to get “after-the-fact”
• Talk to someone at the University (professor, student advisor, counsellor, student advocate....)
Available resources...

- Many offices exist on campus to help students with academic or other concerns
  - Human Rights and Equity Advisor
  - Student Advocacy
  - Academic Learning Centre
  - Student Counselling Centre
  - Student Accessibility Services
  - Academic Advisors in your faculty (U1, Arts, Science, Engineering, etc.)