

Academic Integrity Policy (500.25)

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Illinois Eastern Community Colleges (IECC) is committed to Academic Integrity and believes in responsibility, honor, truth, fairness, respect, self-respect, and compassion, free from fraud or deception. This implies that students are expected to be responsible for their own work, and that faculty and academic support service staff members will take reasonable precaution to prevent the opportunity for academic dishonesty.

Each instructor and academic support service area is authorized to establish specific guidelines consistent with this policy.

Violations

The District recognizes the following general categories of violations of academic integrity, with representative examples of each. Academic Integrity is violated whenever a student:

- A. Uses or obtains unauthorized assistance in any academic work.
 - Copying from another student's exam.
 - Using notes, books, electronic devices or other aids of any kind during an exam when prohibited.
 - Stealing an exam or possessing a stolen copy of an exam.
- B. Gives fraudulent assistance to another student.
 - Completing graded academic activity or taking an exam for someone else.
 - Giving answers to or sharing answers with another student before, during or after an exam or other graded academic activity.
 - Sharing answers during an exam by using a system of signals.
- C. Knowingly represents the work of others as his/her own, or represents previously completed academic work as current.
 - Submitting a paper or other academic work for credit that includes words, ideas, data or creative work of others without acknowledging the source.
 - Using another author's words without enclosing them in quotation marks, without paraphrasing them or without citing the source.
 - Submitting the same paper or academic assignment to another class without the permission of the instructor.
- D. Fabricates data in support of an academic assignment.
 - Falsifying bibliographic entries.
 - Submitting any academic assignment that contains falsified or fabricated data or results.
- E. Inappropriately or unethically uses technological means to gain academic advantage.
 - Inappropriately or unethically acquiring material via the Internet or by any other means.
 - Using any electronic or hidden devices for communication during an exam.

Consequences for Violations of Academic Integrity

The following is a non-inclusive summary of consequences that may result from a student who violates this policy.

- A failing grade for the assignment in question.
- A failing grade for the course.

- An immediate suspension from the class for one or more class sessions.
- Administrative withdrawal from the course in question.
- Administrative withdrawal from the student's major or related majors as determined by the Dean of Instruction.
- Suspension or academic dismissal from IECC.

Appeals

The student has a right to appeal the decision of the instructor or the Dean of Instruction. The complaint process is listed in the IECC district catalog and in the Policy and Procedures manual under 100.16.