

# Academic Honesty

How shall students and professors understand academic integrity?

- When a person does not understand something, what is an acceptable response? One student may keep silent; another may confront the professor; still another may not quit until he has unearthed an answer; and another student may copy directly the materials that a classmate is writing. There is no simple answer to this question.
- This concern is complicated by the reality of group work. While collaboration is encouraged, when it comes time to submit your final work, this product should be your own work.
- The responsibility to foster academic honesty rests with all members of the graduate program. As mutual trust is valued, all students and faculty members are expected to uphold this behavior.
- When any member of this community of learning lies, cheats, or steals, it is considered a serious violation of the academic and community integrity.
- Plagiarism, the intentional use of ideas and words taken from another source without proper credit, is not allowed. This concern covers books and materials introduced in class, data and analysis downloaded from the Internet, and the work product of other students and instructors. Knowingly helping or allowing someone else to plagiarize is also an act of academic dishonesty.
  - When there is evidence of academic dishonesty, there should be instructor-student dialogue as soon as possible.
  - Mindful that each culture feels and acts differently, it may be appropriate to bring in a third party to facilitate this dialogue.

- Only after there has been dialogue may an instructor assign a grade.
- It is left to the instructor's discretion to assign a failing grade for the particular assignment or for the entire course.
- Or the instructor may require that the student resubmit a completely new assignment.
- In either event, this process should allow for inter-cultural understanding.
- If academic dishonesty occurs, the matter is reported in written form to the Academic Dean, who keeps a file of such reports. Only the Dean has access to this file.
- Realizing that the stress to complete work may contribute to the problem of plagiarism, Future Generations will provide Student Services, especially reading and writing skill-building.