ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

A university’s intellectual reputation depends on maintaining the highest standards of intellectual honesty. Commitment to those standards is the responsibility of every student, faculty and staff member on the University of Colorado Boulder campus.

Honor Code

The intent of the Honor Code is to establish a community of trust.

Breaches of academic integrity include, but are not limited to, cheating, plagiarism and the unauthorized possession of examinations, papers and computer programs.

A student accused of academic dishonesty may either accept the accusation made by a faculty member or request a hearing to determine if there is a violation of CU Honor Code. In addition to academic sanctions imposed by the faculty, students found responsible for academic dishonesty also face non-academic sanctions including, but not limited to, probation, required participation in educational seminars concerning academic writing and ethics, suspension or expulsion from the university. For information, visit the Student Conduct & Conflict Resolution (https://www.colorado.edu/sccr/honor-code) website.

Cheating

Using unauthorized materials or receiving unauthorized assistance during an examination or other academic exercise. Examples of cheating include: copying the work of another student during an examination or other academic exercise or permitting another student to copy one’s work; taking an examination for another student or allowing another student to take one’s examination; possessing unauthorized notes, study sheets, examinations or other materials during an examination or other academic exercise; collaborating with another student during an academic exercise without the instructor’s consent; using unauthorized technologies, such as calculators, computers and smart phones; and/or falsifying examination results.

Plagiarism

Use of another’s ideas or words without appropriate acknowledgment. Examples of plagiarism include: failing to use quotation marks when directly quoting from a source; failing to document distinctive ideas from a source; fabricating or inventing sources; and copying information from computer-based sources, i.e., the internet.

Unauthorized Possession or Disposition of Academic Materials

Unauthorized possession or disposition of academic materials may include: selling or purchasing examinations, papers, reports or other academic work; possessing unauthorized solutions, instruction manuals or texts; taking another student’s academic work without permission; possessing examinations, papers, reports or other assignments not released by an instructor; and/or submitting the same paper for multiple classes without advance instructor authorization and approval.