



Northlands College Policy Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

POLICY STATEMENT

Northlands College is dedicated to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity, honesty, and ethical behavior among its students and staff. Academic integrity is fundamental to the college's mission and values, ensuring a fair and respectful learning environment for all.

PURPOSE:

The Academic Integrity and Plagiarism Policy at Northlands College aims to uphold the highest standards of academic honesty, integrity, and ethical behavior among learners and staff. This policy serves to maintain a fair and respectful learning environment conducive to academic excellence.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

1. **Honesty:** Upholding truthfulness and transparency in all academic endeavors.
2. **Respect:** Valuing the work and ideas of others while acknowledging sources appropriately.
3. **Responsibility:** Encouraging learners to take ownership of their academic work and actions.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all learners enrolled at Northlands College, encompassing all academic activities, assessments, assignments, and interactions within the College community.

POLICY:

1. **Academic Integrity:** Learners are expected to conduct themselves with integrity, avoiding all forms of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to cheating, plagiarism, fabrication of results, and improper collaboration.
2. **Plagiarism:** Defined as the use of another person's work without proper attribution, including direct copying, paraphrasing without citation, or presenting someone else's ideas as one's own.
3. **Penalties:** In cases of academic dishonesty, penalties may include resubmission of assignments, mark deductions, a mark of zero on the assignment, academic probation, suspension, expulsion, or credential revocation.

GUIDELINES:

1. Cheating and Fraudulent Activities:

- Prohibited actions include cheating on exams, using unauthorized materials, falsifying data, or aiding others in deceptive practices.



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2. Plagiarism:

- Plagiarism is strictly forbidden and includes using someone else's work without proper citation, whether from published sources, online content, or fellow students.

3. Improper Collaboration:

- Collaboration beyond the permitted level set by instructors is considered a violation of academic integrity.

4. Fabrication or Falsification:

- Falsifying results or fabricating information in academic exercises is unacceptable.

PENALTIES:

1. Instructor-imposed Penalties:

- Instructors may assign penalties such as resubmission of assignments, mark deductions, or a mark of zero for academic dishonesty.

2. Academic Director Recommendations:

- Department chairs may recommend sanctions like academic probation, course grade adjustments, loss of scholarships, suspension, expulsion, or credential revocation to the Registrar.

EXCEPTIONS:

- No exceptions are granted for acts of academic dishonesty; all cases will be thoroughly investigated and addressed according to the policy.

RELATED NORTHLANDS COLLEGE POLICIES AND LINKS

- Community Code of Conduct (404)
- Admissions Policy (402)

DEFINITIONS:

Academic Integrity

The learner must uphold honesty, respect, and responsibility in all academic pursuits.



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Plagiarism

The act of using someone else's work without proper acknowledgment.

Cheating

The Learner must not engage in fraudulent activities to gain an unfair advantage in academics.

Fabrication

Falsifying or manipulating data or results in academic exercises.

AUTHORITY

Authority for the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Academic Integrity and Plagiarism Policy #411 is vested in the Office of the Vice-President, Learning.

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