

# ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

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## PLAGIARISM / KSU ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

Plagiarism is the unacknowledged or unauthorized use of another person's words, ideas, information, insights, conclusions, or lines of thinking.

Any facts or published opinions (including my website) that are not specifically and properly cited can be considered to be plagiarism. Always provide references to the published works from which the ideas have originated.

The KSU Academic Integrity Policy reads as follows:

### § KSU ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

**I. Preamble:** Students of Kennesaw State University are guaranteed all of the rights, privileges and freedoms granted to a citizen of the United States. In addition, they are entitled to an environment that is conducive to learning and individual growth. To this end, students enrolling at Kennesaw State University assume a responsibility to abide by the University's student conduct regulations, just as they assume a citizen's responsibility to abide by federal, state and local laws. Violation of statutory laws or of the University student conduct regulations or specific departmental rules may lead to disciplinary action(s) by Kennesaw State University. By adhering to these policies and regulations students can fulfill their responsibilities and enjoy the exercise of their own rights while also respecting the rights of others.

**II. Academic Honesty:** The high quality of education at Kennesaw State University is reflected in the credits and degrees its students earn. The protection of these high standards is crucial since the validity and equity of the University's grades and degrees depend upon it. Any student found to have violated any KSU academic honesty regulation after a hearing before a university hearing panel or before the Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment Services (or his/her designee) shall be suspended for at least one semester, unless the student persuades the deciding body that the circumstances of his or her behavior substantially mitigate the gravity of the violation. These regulations are designed to assist students in (1) developing appropriate attitudes about, and (2) understanding and following the university's standards relating to academic honesty. The regulations protect students by helping them avoid committing infractions that may compromise the completion of their KSU degrees or damage their reputations.

▶ **A. Plagiarism and Cheating:** No student shall receive, attempt to receive, knowingly give or attempt to give unauthorized assistance in the preparation of any work required to be submitted for credit as part of a course (including examinations, laboratory reports, essays, themes, term papers, etc.). When direct quotations are used, they should be indicated, and when the ideas, theories, data, figures, graphs, programs, electronic based information or illustrations of someone other than the student are incorporated into a paper or used in a project, they should be duly acknowledged.

- ▶ **B. Unauthorized Access to Official University Materials:** No student shall take or attempt to take, steal or in any unauthorized manner otherwise procure, gain access to, alter or destroy any material pertaining to the conduct of a class (including tests, examinations, grade change forms, grade rolls, roll books, laboratory equipment, University grade records in written or computerized form, etc.).
- ▶ **C. Misrepresentation, Falsification of University Records or Academic Work:** No student shall knowingly provide false information in completing University forms or applications (including admissions forms, scholarship applications, time sheets, use of false or counterfeit transcripts, etc.) or in any work submitted for credit as part of a course.

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**NOTE:** From the KSU Student Code of Conduct: [http://www.kennesaw.edu/scai/code\\_of\\_conduct.shtml](http://www.kennesaw.edu/scai/code_of_conduct.shtml)

### ONLINE SUPPORT

Michael Harvey's website, *The Nuts and Bolts of College Writing*, provides the following definition: "The Random House dictionary defines **plagiarism** as **'the unauthorized use or close imitation of the language and thoughts of another author and the representation of them as one's own original work.'** Imitation or borrowing by themselves are not plagiarism. Drawing on other people's ideas is perfectly reasonable and in fact unavoidable when you write academic essays — but you must acknowledge the borrowing."

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▶▶ <http://nutsandbolts.washcoll.edu/plagiarism.html>

### PLAGIARISM = FAILURE

**Any student caught cheating or plagiarizing will automatically FAIL this course AND your infraction will be forwarded to the Office of the Judiciary for placement in your academic file.**

**NOTE: Any students found to have copied another student's work will be treated as plagiarists, and BOTH students involved will face the possibility of expulsion from this class.**

When students plagiarize they do not possess the knowledge or understanding that they claim to have (and for which they plan to receive credit). Giving credit to other people's genius is the best reflection on you, for it demonstrates your scholarship, knowledge, and influences. Using outside sources to develop ideas about a topic shows that the writer understands what experts in the field have written. You must, however, give credit to the sources of your inspiration. **If you use any texts or websites that have inspired your answers, please cite them directly, preferable with parenthetical documentation and an attached Works Cited Page.**