

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Southwestern College is a community of scholars and learners committed to the principles of honesty, trustworthiness, fairness, and respect for the learning process. Students share with faculty and staff the responsibility for promoting a climate of integrity. As members of this community, students are expected to adhere to these fundamental values at all times in their academic endeavors (BP 4000 - Academic Integrity).

Violations of academic integrity include, but are not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, lying, stealing, submitting others' work as one's own, or permitting anyone else to do the same. The faculty should make their students aware of specific expectations related to academic integrity in every class and should define academic integrity within the context of the course. The faculty are encouraged to provide pertinent examples of plagiarism, cheating and other violations.

Students are required to conduct themselves with integrity and honor, and when violations of academic integrity occur, faculty members must address the violations quickly, judiciously, and fairly. They should document all incidents including any informal sanctions with their school dean. It is the prerogative of the faculty member whether to pursue formal sanctions related to violations of academic integrity. Formal sanctions shall be addressed pursuant to the BP/AP 5500 Standard of Student Conduct.