

PROCEDURE LIT.8.02.05 ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

SCOPE: Students

Academic integrity is fundamental to the mission of Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT) and to the value of its academic credentials. The college is committed to fostering a culture of honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility, and accountability in teaching and learning. Academic dishonesty undermines the educational process, compromises the integrity of academic programs, and diminishes the value of student achievement. Therefore, all students are expected to conduct themselves with integrity and to uphold the highest standards of ethical academic behavior.

1. Cheating is defined as the giving or taking of information or material with the purpose of wrongfully aiding oneself or another person in academic work that is to be considered in determining a grade. This includes unauthorized use, transmission, or receipt of data via any electronic device during an assessment.
2. Plagiarism, or literary theft, is defined as appropriating the literary composition of another person, including the parts, passages, or language of that writing, and passing off the appropriated material as one's own. Plagiarism is the failure to give proper credit or citation to one's source(s) of information. It includes the failure to use conventional methods of documentation for material quoted or paraphrased. Additionally, plagiarism includes allowing someone else to compose or rewrite an assignment for a student.
3. Examples of Cheating and/or Plagiarism include, but are not limited to, the following items:
 - 3.1. Asking for or giving another student information during a test;
 - 3.2. Copying answers from another student's paper or intentionally allowing someone to copy from one's own paper during a test;
 - 3.3. Using materials or electronic devices prohibited by the instructor during a test;
 - 3.4. Unauthorized use of smart technology during an assessment (including but not limited to smartwatches, cellular-enabled fitness trackers, smart glasses/eyewear with recording or display capabilities, and wireless audio earpieces/earbuds);
 - 3.5. Using a device to capture, record, photograph, or transmit exam questions, prompts, or answers;
 - 3.6. Either impersonating another student during a test or having another person assume one's identity during a test;
 - 3.7. Changing answers on a previously graded test in order to have a grade revised;
 - 3.8. Stealing examination materials;
 - 3.9. Copying material, either exactly or in essence, and not providing appropriate documentation;

3.10. Copying or falsifying a laboratory or clinical project/assignment, including computer programs, in either disk, hard copy, or digital cloud form;

3.11. Allowing someone else to compose or rewrite a student's assignment;

3.12. Stealing, buying, selling, or otherwise providing research papers.

4. Testing Procedures

4.1. Unless explicitly authorized by the instructor or testing proctor, no tech-enabled device may be worn during an exam.

4.2. To maintain test integrity, all prohibited electronic devices must be powered completely off and stored away from the student's person (in a designated bag, locker, or testing center storage area) prior to the start of any assessment.

4.3. Students requiring the use of continuous medical monitors (such as glucose sensors linked to a smart device) are exempt from removal protocols, provided they have an approved accommodation from the Special Populations Office.

5. As with other violations of student conduct, cheating and/or plagiarism may result in disciplinary action.

Related Policies: Policy LIT.8.02 Student Code of Conduct and Discipline

Relevant Forms/Documents:

Relevant TSUS Policies/Forms/Documents:

Relevant Statutes:

Relevant SACSOC Standards:

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