

Eastern Oregon University Proposed Academic Honesty Code

Student Pledge of Academic Integrity

Beginning Fall term 2005, Eastern Oregon University initiated an Honor Code based on personal integrity, which is presumed to be a sufficient assurance that in academic matters, one's work is original and performed honestly. The policies and procedures of the Honor Code apply to all full and part-time students. A component vital to the Honor Code is the inclusion of the Honor Pledge.

“I will neither give nor receive unauthorized aid on any academic work nor will I represent the work or ideas of another as my own.”

(Kansas State, 2003)

Provisions

All members of the Eastern Oregon University academic community are responsible for compliance with its Academic Honesty Code. Provisions of the Academic Honesty Code are:

1. Each student must follow the academic honesty code and abide by the pledge.
2. The faculty member is responsible for defining limits for collaborative learning activities for each course.
3. The faculty member will make clear the format for properly citing sources of information not original by the student.
4. Students are encouraged to seek clarification and discuss academic honesty with instructors.
5. Explicit approval by all instructors involved is required if the same work is to be submitted in more than one course, even if it is during a different term.
6. Students are encouraged to report suspected violations to the appropriate faculty member of a course.

Definitions

Violations of the Academic Honesty Code include but are not limited to the following acts:

Cheating: Dishonest use or attempted use of materials or information.

Unauthorized Collaboration: Representing as independent work that which was produced with the help of classmates or others, in instances where the assignment was explicitly to be completed individually.

Fabrication: Falsification or invention of information.

Facilitation: Helping another person or persons engage in academic dishonesty.

Plagiarism: Representing the ideas, words, or work of another as one's own.

Tampering: Altering or interfering with evaluation processes, or destruction of the intellectual property of another member of the university community.

(Oregon State, n.d.)

Procedures

The faculty member is required to file a Report of Academic Dishonesty to the Office of Student Affairs about any student who violates the Academic Honesty Code. The instructor may elect to permit the student to resubmit the assignment, give a grade of zero for the assignment and/or request a student hearing. The instructor may also assign a grade of "F" for the course after discussion with the respective College Dean. Students may appeal the course grade to the respective College Dean, who is the final authority on the matter of course grade penalties for academic dishonesty.

More than one violation of the Academic Honesty Code, reported in regard to one student, may result in both academic and behavioral penalties including possible suspension or expulsion from the University. Hearing procedures will be implemented upon the second report as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. When requested by the instructor, hearing procedures may be implemented upon the first report of suspected academic dishonesty.

Any Report of Suspected Academic Dishonesty shall remain on record in the Office of Student Affairs.

The Academic Honesty Code and its effectiveness will be assessed on a bi-annual basis by the Academic Standards Committee and the Academic Affairs Committee in coordination with the Institutional Research Director.

Reference List

- Oregon State University. (n.d.). *Academic Success: Academic Dishonesty*. Retrieved April 4, 2005, from <http://success.oregonstate.edu/study/honesty.cfm>
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