

Sample Syllabus Statements and Assignments on Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

Note: These blurbs and assignments are written in the voice of the instructor; you may alter these statements, of course, as best suits your course and needs.

SYLLABI BLURBS

Academic Integrity. Academic integrity encompasses the core values and basic principles of honesty and responsibility that govern our practices as scholars, researchers, and creative artists in the university. Unfortunately, incidents of academic dishonesty, especially plagiarism, have been increasing throughout colleges and universities in the United States. Plagiarism is the act, intentional or unintentional, of using other people's words or ideas as your own. This trend in part results from the ready availability of papers and resources on the internet. The university, college, department, and I expect you to write your own papers and to provide full and accurate citations for any specific ideas or language—words, phrases, sentences—that you take from outside sources, including the internet. Refer to the [UNM Pathfinder](#) and the [UNM Catalog](#) for the university's policy on Academic Dishonesty. Following the guidelines of UNM policy, any act of academic dishonesty in this class will be reported to the department and to the Dean of Student's office and may result receiving an F on the assignment, dismissal from class with a final grade of F, and even suspension or expulsion from the university, depending upon the severity of the violation.

Academic Dishonesty and Plagiarism Policy. Academic dishonesty includes cheating, fabricating or falsifying information or sources, improper collaboration, submitting the same paper for different classes without permission, and plagiarism. Plagiarism occurs when writers deliberately or unintentionally use another person's language, ideas, or materials and present them as their own without properly acknowledging and citing the source. Familiarize yourself with UNM's [Student Code of Conduct](#) and [UNM's policies](#) on academic dishonesty.

Plagiarism. Plagiarism is taking credit for someone else's work whether deliberately or unintentionally. This includes but is not limited to turning in all or part of an essay written by someone other than yourself (a friend, an internet source, etc.) and claiming it as your own, and including information or ideas from research material without citing the source. The University of New Mexico considers plagiarism a serious form of academic dishonesty. Avoid plagiarism by carefully and correctly citing your sources whenever you use someone else's words, equations, graphics, or ideas. If you are unsure of something and are worried you may be plagiarizing, come see me, or go to CAPS. Plagiarism in this course results in one or more of the following consequences: failure of the assignment, failure of the course, and/or disciplinary action by the University. Cite sources carefully, completely, and meticulously; when in doubt, cite. Consult the Pathfinder for UNM's [Student Code of Conduct](#) and the Dean of Student's [Academic Integrity/Honesty](#) for more information.

ASSIGNMENTS

Academic Integrity/Plagiarism Assignment 1

Please answer each of the following questions with a full paragraph for each answer. This is an “open-book” assignment, but use your own words for each answer. When you complete the assignment, send your answers to me via e-mail as a single Word or pdf file. When you come to class, append a hard copy of your answers to this sheet, and sign and date as indicated below.

You will receive credit for accurate answers, but I may ask you to retake all or part of the quiz if one or more answer is substantially incorrect, if you do not follow the prompts, or if your answers show that you do not adequately understand the plagiarism policy.

1. What is academic integrity?
2. List at least four types of violations of academic integrity.
3. According to UNM’s policies, what are the possible consequences of violating the student code of conduct on academic integrity?
4. Explain what plagiarism is and how it can occur even unintentionally?
5. What should you do if you are uncertain about how the plagiarism policy applies to your work?
6. What are some ways that you can avoid plagiarism?

I have answered these questions on the attached sheet.

Print Name

Sign Name

Date: _____

Academic and Research Integrity Assignment 2

Complete the online tutorial on Academic Integrity on the Graduate Studies website (<http://grad.unm.edu/aire/ai-tutorial/presentation.html>).

After taking the tutorial, using two or three sentences for each one, answer the following questions in your own words.

1. What is academic integrity?
2. Why is it important?
3. What are some examples of academic dishonesty?
4. What is the Responsible Conduct of Research?
5. Summarize in a few sentences UNM's policies on Academic Integrity and the Research Conduct.
6. Where can you find information about UNM's policies on Academic Integrity and the Responsible Conduct of Research?
7. Why is it in your best interest to make a commitment to upholding the standards of Academic and Research Integrity?
8. Do you make such a commitment?