

Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty

Students at Saint Michael's College are expected to perform scholarship of the highest order. Because such scholarship is premised upon exemplary ethics and high standards of academic honesty, the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication strictly enforces rules regarding plagiarism and academic dishonesty.

This summary is designed to ensure that you understand our expectations of you as a learner and as a member of the intellectual community at Saint Michael's College. It is your responsibility to understand plagiarism and academic dishonesty, and the scholarly methods used to avoid them. If you have questions, please be sure to raise them in class during the discussion of this policy, or individually with any of the faculty in the department.

The following rules/expectations apply to all students in departmental courses:

Plagiarism includes deliberate as well as inadvertent failure to properly attribute: 1) material taken directly from a source (including work done by other students); 2) paraphrasing of a source; 3) use of the same or very similar organization of source material; 4) any submission that contains the thoughts or work of others. Copying of a substantial portion of material without acknowledgment is plagiarism and a violation of copyright law. Plagiarism applies to printed sources, electronic/digital sources such as CD Rom, and materials obtained through the Internet. Students who plagiarize will receive an automatic F in the course and will be reported to the Dean.

Stealing includes the taking of property, including library materials such as books, magazines (or any portion thereof), videotapes, audiocassettes, files, etc.; laboratory materials such as books, files (or any portion thereof), equipment, disks, etc. Students who steal will receive an automatic F in the course, and will be reported to the Dean and to the proper local authorities.

Academic dishonesty also includes: 1) cheating of any kind on any assignment or assessment (examination); 2) submission of the same academic work to fulfill the requirements of more than one course without the authorization of all instructors in those courses; and 3) the acquisition (through purchase or any other means) of material for submission in fulfillment of a class assignment, such as papers and other materials downloaded or otherwise acquired from the Internet. Students who exhibit academic dishonesty will receive an automatic F in the course and will be reported to the Dean.

PLEASE NOTE:

Those who give and those who receive in the processes of cheating, stealing or plagiarism are equally guilty. Copying of part or all of another student's work will result in disciplinary action against both students.

I have read and I understand the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication's policy regarding academic dishonesty. I recognize that it is my responsibility to understand the terms described here, including plagiarism, stealing, and academic dishonesty, and that the faculty will answer any questions I may have. Finally, I understand that the penalty for academic dishonesty is an automatic F for the course in which the infraction occurs.

Sign your name here

Date