

Academic Integrity at USD

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The University of San Diego Board of Trustees at its March 1985 meeting approved a policy on Academic Integrity. In part, the policy states:

"The University is an academic institution, an instrument of learning. As such, the University is predicated on the principles of scholastic honesty. It is an academic community, all of whose members are expected to abide by ethical standards both in their conduct and in their exercise of responsibility towards other members of the community."

Because of the importance of scholastic honesty, acts of dishonesty are of great concern to our USD community. Acts of academic dishonesty include: a) unauthorized assistance on an examination; b) falsification or invention of data; c) unauthorized collaboration of an academic exercise; d) plagiarism; e) misappropriation of research materials; f) any unauthorized access of an instructor's files or computer account; or g) any other serious violation of academic integrity as established by the instructor. Acts of dishonesty can lead to penalties in a course such as: reduction of grade; withdrawal from the course; a requirement that all or part of a course be retaken; and a requirement that additional work be undertaken in connection with the course.

Because of the seriousness of academic dishonesty, further penalties at the level of the University community can be applied; these penalties can include probation, a letter of censure, suspension, or expulsion. Full copies of the policy on Academic Integrity are available at the offices of the Provost, Vice-President for Student Affairs, and Academic Deans. Instructors can also explain their expectations regarding academic honesty in their classes.

I have read the above and understand the importance of academic integrity in the USD community.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____