Academic Integrity statements

Brian Petrus BA 140

You are expected to know the elements and ramifications of academic dishonesty as stated in the 2017-2018 Westminster College Student Handbook. Any academically dishonest act will result in failure of the assignment and failure of the class for the semester. Cheating, or the perception thereof, will result in your dismissal from class, failure of the course, or both. Cheating is considered to be plagiarism, copying others work either during a graded test or homework assignment, or simply taking credit for another’s work and claiming it as your own. Cheating serves no one well and will be dealt with accordingly.

Bob Badowski BA 305

"Central to the purpose and pursuit of any academic community is academic integrity. All members of the Westminster community, including students, faculty, staff, and administrators, are expected to maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity, in keeping with the philosophy and mission of the College. Academic dishonesty is a profound violation of this code of behavior." - ACADEMIC INTEGRITY (Westminster College Catalog)

As a student in Westminster College's School of Business I, _____, agree to maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity, in keeping with the philosophy and mission of the college.

I will not cheat, engage in misconduct, plagiarize, or provide false information as outlined in the Westminster College Catalog. I understand and agree that professionalism and ethics are the cornerstone of any educational or business pursuit, and I will strive to establish both.

I will also abide by the following School of Business electronic device policy which states:
1. Cell phones are not to be used during class for any purpose unless given specific authorization from instructor.
2. All cell phones are to be turned to silent and placed in some type of carrying bag (such as a backpack), that does not sit on your desk during class.
3. No recordings of any kind are permitted to be taken during class; including audio, video, photos, etc.

Student signature: Date:

Corso BC 111

Page 21 of your student handbook states:

Central to the purpose and pursuit of any academic community is academic integrity. All members of the Westminster Community, including students, faculty, staff, and administrators, are expected to maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity, in keeping with the philosophy and mission of the College.
The most flagrant violation of academic integrity is cheating on an exam or a quiz. Students caught participating in such an activity (either for their own or for another's benefit) will receive a course grade of "F," with no opportunity for the student to receive a "W" or "WF."

Other forms of scholastic dishonesty will be dealt with in a like manner. These may include (but are not limited to):

A. Copying/turning in another's work (e.g., a fellow student's, a past student's, or work from the internet) as one's own.

B. Lending of one's work to another so that he/she may turn it in as his/her own.

C. Stealing class materials from students, the professor, or from the library.

D. Inhibiting another student from using library materials or other resources necessary for the class.

See the complete Student Handbook (beginning on page 21) for more details and specifics about academic integrity.

https://www.westminster.edu/campus/services/handbook.cfm

Ann Throckmorton Bio 105

Academic integrity is central to the purpose and pursuit of any academic community. In this class, I expect you to adhere to the principles of academic integrity stated in the Westminster College handbook and to maintain the highest standards of academic honesty and integrity, in keeping with the philosophy and purposes of the College.

“Academic dishonesty is a profound violation of this expected code of behavior. It can take several forms, including, but not limited to, plagiarism, cheating, purposely altering the work of another (without that person’s permission), misrepresentation of attendance in class or at a College event, misrepresentation of work, facts or experimental results, unauthorized use of or intentional intrusion into another's computer files and/or programs, intentional damage to a computer system, unauthorized use of library materials and privileges, or engaging in any activity which attempts to alter or harm another’s academic standing.”

You must always guard against potential plagiarism. Plagiarism includes extensive quoting, paraphrasing, or copying from any other source (books, articles, websites, other students’ work, or class material), incorrect or inadequate citation of quotes, data, ideas, or images, and directly copying experiments or research projects that have been developed by another student or published by another researcher. I encourage you to work together and discuss your assignments with other students, but all material that you turn in must be your own work.
Quotes, data, graphs, photographs, or ideas taken from another source must be cited correctly. If you have any doubts about whether you need to cite a source, you must ask. All materials that you turn in electronically will be submitted to Turnitin.com, an on-line plagiarism detection and prevention tool. In accordance with College policy, if there is plagiarism in one of your assignments, you will receive a score of zero for that assignment and a written report will be sent to the Dean of Academic Affairs. More than one incident of plagiarism may result in your being awarded an F for the course.

Marosh Furminsky BIO 201

Academic Honesty: No form of academic dishonesty will be tolerated. Practice of plagiarism or any other form of academic dishonesty will result in a grade of zero for the assignment and formal notification of the offense to the Dean of the College. Repeat violation of the integrity policy will result in suspension and expulsion from the College. Please read, and be very familiar with, the college policy on academic integrity (in the Student Handbook). It is especially important when dealing with scientific writing. In the Sciences, one rarely quotes text from a source. Thus all descriptions, evaluations, discussions must be in your own words, and the ideas that you write about should be attributed to the original author at all times (unless of course, they are your own). When in doubt, ask. Written labs and assignments will be regularly scrutinized using <turnitin.com> that compares submitted work against an existing database.

Josh Corrette-Bennett BIO 201

Academic integrity is one of the cornerstones of any academic community and an essential component of the scientific process. Much of the progress achieved over the past two centuries by various scientific disciplines, such as physics, chemistry, engineering and biology, is a direct result of academic rigor and integrity. Scientific theories such as gravity, cell theory, atomic theory and evolution are constructed from the observations and experimentation of many individuals, all relying on the accuracy and authenticity of previous work and each other’s work. Violations of academic integrity are included, but not limited to, those found in the College catalog, along with the process, consequences and stipulations. While the academic community and scientific process is severely undermined by any of these violations, the biology department would like students to pay particular attention to the categories of “plagiarism” and “providing false information”. Failure to acknowledge or document your sources is called plagiarism and will be handled in accordance with Westminster's academic integrity policy. Plagiarism covers any material used for assignments mentioned above (textbooks, journal articles, lab partners or fellow students, internet sites, other faculty, etc.). If a student must use the words of another person, credit must be given to that source or person (i.e. direct quotes, paraphrasing of statements or ideas, thoughts or concepts that are not "common knowledge"). Research shows that studying in groups is one of the most productive ways of learning. This can mean explaining a difficult concept to a friend or asking for help with explanations. It can also mean asking a friend to edit your completed assignment for mistakes. While faculty and the administration strongly encourage student collaboration and the use of all available resources when studying or researching topics, it is important that the student (1) properly acknowledge the origins of their information and (2) process this information in a way that allows them to reach their own conclusions and express concepts in their own words. In order to achieve these goals, the student must learn proper citation of scientific resources, must have a thorough understanding of the material, and be willing to accept and learn from constructive criticism. We believe that you, the student, have the ability to think for yourself and form your own conclusions. (You shouldn’t be paying thousands of dollars just to learn how to cut and paste
or pay someone even more to write it for you.) Westminster’s policy on academic integrity is clearly stated in the College catalog http://www.westminster.edu/acad/pdf/undergraduate_catalog.pdf. Providing false or fabricated information is another serious violation of scientific integrity (lab notebooks, formal lab reports). Obtaining laboratory results from another source or person and/or fabricating results will result in a minimum penalty of zero for the assignment or a failing grade for the course. Any written assignments or formal lab reports may be submitted to Turnitin.com for the purpose of confirming originality. Academic dishonesty applies to any student participating in activities listed in the College catalog either for their own or for another’s benefit. Other forms of academic dishonesty that are not tolerated by this discipline include, but are not limited to:

A. Lending of one’s work to another so that he/she may turn it in as his/her own.
B. Claiming to have attended a seminar or colloquium when one has not actually done so (or attempting to receive attendance credit when one has come significantly late or has left significantly early)
C. Stealing class materials from students, the professor, or the library and inhibiting others from using library materials or other resources necessary for the class.
D. Any inappropriate, disruptive, and/or aggressive behavior toward any other student in the classroom (e.g., threatening, bullying, intimidating.)

Karen Resendes BIO 201

The issue of academic integrity is taken very seriously at Westminster. Students are expected to abide by the College Policy on Academic Integrity. The policy can be found at: http://www.westminster.edu/acad/pdf/undergraduate_catalog.pdf. Academic integrity is particularly important when dealing with scientific writing. Written assignments must be the student’s own work. Quotes, data or ideas taken from another source must cite that source fully and correctly. I will be using turnitin.com to determine that your work is in fact your own. If you don’t understand how to do this, please ask. Work that is not the students own, i.e. copied from an external source, a classmate or class material is considered plagiarized, and will receive a score of zero. In addition, a written report will be sent to your academic advisor, and to the Dean. Note: plagiarism also includes extensive, unnecessary quoting from another source, even if it is cited. More than one incident of plagiarism may result in failure of the course. If in doubt – ask.

Jessica Sarver CHE 117

Details of the Westminster College Academic Integrity Policy (AIP) can be found in the Westminster College Undergraduate Catalog. Violations of the AIP include cheating, misconduct, plagiarism, and providing false information (including experimental results). Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. The first citation of academic dishonesty will result in a grade of zero for the specific assignment. The second citation will result in a failing grade for the course. All citations of academic dishonesty will be reported to the Dean of the College, in accordance with college policy. In this course you will often work in pairs and groups and sometimes with the same data. We will share approaches to problems, but unless explicitly instructed otherwise, the work you turn in must be your own: state ideas in your own words, and complete mathematical work independently. With the exception of raw data, do not share electronic files (e.g. documents or spreadsheets) of course-work with your classmates. If in doubt, check with your instructor BEFORE sharing work. Mitchell ENG 240 The lasting reward of academic integrity is a good character and the ability to learn on your own. See the Academic Integrity Policy available online and in the Undergraduate Catalog. Note that failure to demonstrate academic integrity has serious consequences in the short term(grades) as well as for the rest of your life. Lahr HIS 229 An explanation
of the Academic Integrity Policy is listed in your Westminster Catalog. You must submit your own work and properly acknowledge anyone else’s work you use. If I determine that a student has violated this policy, they will – at a minimum – fail the assignment. (You should know that I, like most college instructors, am pretty good at detecting cheating or plagiarism. I do make use of “Turn It In.”) In addition, the following might result: “After reviewing the instructor’s explanation of the violation and penalty, as well as the student’s record of previous offenses, the VPAA (Vice President for Academic Affairs) will take the following additional action:
“a. FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, the VPAA may supplement the instructor’s penalty with further action, up to and including suspension and permanent dismissal. . .
“b. FOR A SECOND OFFENSE, the VPAA will impose a one-semester suspension. . . “
c. FOR A THIRD OFFENSE, the VPAA will impose a penalty of permanent dismissal from the College.”

Carolyn Cuff MTH 135

Central to the purpose and pursuit of any academic community is academic integrity. All members of the Westminster community, including students, faculty, staff, and administrators, are expected to maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity, in keeping with the philosophy and mission of the College. Academic dishonesty is a profound violation of this code of behavior. The paragraph above is taken from the Westminster College 2016-2017 Undergraduate Catalog, page 54. It is imperative that you never submit the work of others as though it is your own work nor should you ever allow anyone else to use your work without giving credit to you. The penalty for academic dishonesty in this class is minimally the grade of 0 on the assignment and, except for unusual circumstances, a grade of F for the course. Any event of academic dishonesty is reported to the Dean of the College. Other details of violations and consequences are given in the Catalog.

Group work is expected. Within the group work context, it is possible to misunderstand exactly what it means to be responsible for “doing your own work.” As such, I wish to define specifically what I expect. Group study is a proper and effective way to study if all of the participants have done their full share of the work. You may and should discuss problems together and reach conclusions together. But it is a form of dishonesty for a student who has not attended class, read the assignment, or thought about the problem on his or her own to try to use the ideas developed by a group or claim credit for work to which he or she has not contributed. It is also a form of dishonesty to encourage or allow such practices on the part of others. Aside from integrity issues, writing solutions on your own allows you to determine how much of the material you understand versus how much you can “do.” At some point you are responsible for understanding each and every piece of the problems and will need to be able to write the complete solutions in your own words.