

Academic Integrity and Professionalism

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Academic Integrity

You will find this on every course syllabus here in the SHP:

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to be above reproach in all scholastic activities. Students who engage in scholastic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failure in the course and dismissal from the university. “Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student, or the attempt to commit such acts.” Procedures to be followed in the event of alleged academic dishonesty are described the Regents Rules and Regulations, Part One, Chapter VI, Section 3, Subsection 3.2, Subdivision 3.22.

Typical Sources of Academic Dishonesty

Cheating—gaining an advantage

Plagiarism—submitting work of others as your own without proper credit

Collusion—collaborating or scheming

Taking exam (or doing an assignment) for another

Sharing information on an exam with others that have not yet taken the exam

Submitting a paper that you did not write, (i.e., using a ‘paper mill’) or submitting a paper that you submitted for a grade in another class.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism.....

- Is academic dishonesty; a form of cheating
- Is using a work (the ideas, the words, the language or materials contained in the work) as your own
- Is using the ideas of another without acknowledging where the information came from (the source)
- **INCLUDES MISTAKES IN CITING**

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Rules to Avoid Plagiarism

Rules for Proper Attribution:

The LBJ School of Public Affairs offers the following basic rules to avoid plagiarism:

- Acknowledge the source of any full or partial quotation
- Acknowledge the source of any paraphrase, summary or idea
- Acknowledge the source of **any type** of intellectual property you use. Plagiarism “can occur with *all* types of media” (SJS, *Plagiarism* par. 2)
- Acknowledge the source of “an organization or structure” (Lunsford 396; SJS, *Plagiarism* par. 3)
- “Acknowledge a source when your own analysis or conclusion builds upon that source” (LWI, *Rules* par. 4)
- Acknowledge the assistance of anyone who may give you significant ideas (Lunsford 395)

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Rules to Avoid Plagiarism, cont.

Rules for Proper Attribution, continued:

- Acknowledge *authorized* collaboration – collaboration is not allowed unless your instructor specifically approves collaboration (SJS, *Unauthorized*)
- Do not “submit a substantially similar paper or project for credit in two (or more) courses unless expressly authorized to do so by your instructor(s)” (SJS, *Multiple* par. 2)
- Acknowledge borrowed material even in a draft. Students “can be held accountable for plagiarizing material in either a final submission of an assignment *or* a draft that is being submitted to an instructor for review, comments, and/or approval” (SJS, *Plagiarism* par. 2)
- Cite sources correctly according to your instructor’s preferred style manual
- When in doubt about how to acknowledge a source, consult either your instructor or the LBJ graduate writing center. Your instructors are always glad to offer assistance.

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Plagiarism Spectrum

10 types of plagiarism; avoid each of these!

1. Clone
2. CTRL+C
3. Find-Replace
4. Remix
5. Recycle
6. Hybrid
7. Mashup
8. 404 Error
9. Aggregator
10. Re-Tweet

Go to http://turnitin.com/assets/en_us/media/plagiarism-spectrum/ to learn more about each of these.

Resources for Plagiarism

LBJ Graduate Writing Center--

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UTMB Moody Medical Library--

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Style Manuals: AMA, APA, MLA, etc.

http://turnitin.com/assets/en_us/media/plagiarism-spectrum/

Plagiarism Checkers

Just like you should use spellcheck and grammar check on your assignments and papers, you should use a plagiarism checker.

Go to:

UTMB Moody Medical Library webpage for live links

<http://guides.utmb.edu/c.php?g=527379&p=3605518>

FREE resources include:

- In Blackboard: SafeAssign
- Grammarly.com
- Plagiarism Checker
- Quetext

Citation Styles

AMA (American Medical Association)

APA (American Psychological Association)

MLA (Modern Language Association)

Chicago/Turabian

****Professors will usually indicate in the course syllabus the style preferred/required. Check the course syllabus first; if not there, ask the professor.****

Resources for Citation

www.owl.english.purdue.edu--online writing lab that assists with general writing, research and citation; MLA, AMA, APA styles

Ohio State University

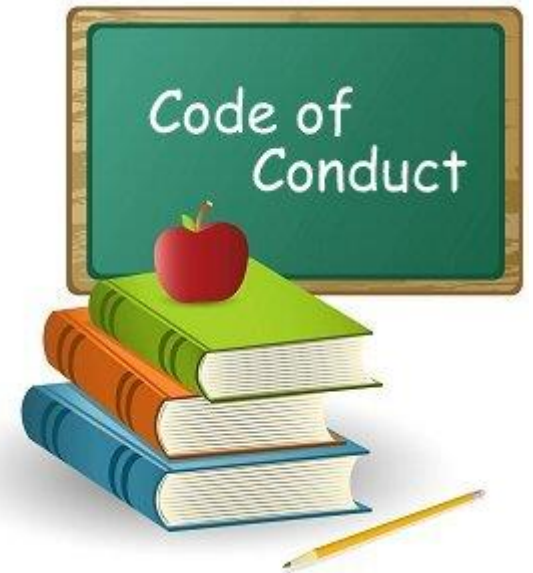
Duke University

****Some websites claim they will format for you, but be careful: double check to be sure are accurate****

NoodleTools--a web-based student research service that helps you correctly cite sources in various citation styles. Use NoodleTools throughout a research project to track your sources, take notes, create outlines, collaborate with classmates, and format and print your bibliography (from <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/noodlebib>)

Professionalism

An important concept at UTMB



Professionalism

Various definitions:

1. The conduct, aims, or qualities that characterize or make a profession or professional person (www.merriam-webster.com)
2. The skill, good judgment, and polite behavior that is expected from a person who is trained to do a job well.
(www.learnersdictionary.com)
3. A skill or behavior that goes beyond what an ordinary person would have or behaving in a more formal or business-like manner (www.yourdictionary.com)

Professionalism

You demonstrate professionalism in your communications, appearance and behavior.

Examples of professional communications:

Examples of professional appearance:

Examples of professional behavior:



Professionalism

As a member of the UTMB community, your actions, appearance, behaviors, and communications and interactions with others are reflections of UTMB.



UTMB Student Honor Pledge

This will be found on every SHP course syllabus:

On my honor, as a member of the UTMB community, I pledge to act with integrity, compassion and respect in all my academic and professional endeavors.

Questions?

We can be a resource for you, as can your faculty advisor, other faculty, and department chairperson. When in doubt, ask...

